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Record 57 lords in honours lists

Blair's peers take on Tory majority

FIFTY-SEVEN new life peers are named today, the largest number of peers appointed in a single announcement in modern times, as Tony Blair begins his attempt to reverse the inbuilt Tory domination of the House of Lords and big business shows its willingness to sign up to new Labour.

At the same time John Major rewards some of his most trusted allies, handing out honours to former Cabinet. ministers as well as his former driver, cleaner and switchboard supervisor in a 50strong resignation list.

The new contingent of peers provides consolation for several senior Tories who lost their seats on May I and a lease of life for many Labour-MPs who stood down before

The Prime Minister an nounces 31 new working Labour peers, embracing an array of leading industrialisis who. by indicating their readiness to serve, will be expected to attend the Lords regularly, take part in debates and vote. There are 11 Liberal Democrat working peers and five Tories. The business recruits to the Lords benches include Michael Levy, director of M and G Records; George Simpson, managing director of the Gen-eral Electric Company, Mich-ael Montague, chairman of Superframe and Montague International David
Sainsbury charmais and
chief executive of J. Sainsbury,
and Andrew Stone, joint many aging director of Marks &

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Spencer. From the arts the crime writer Ruth Rendell and Sir David Puttnam, the film producer, will be Labour peers. Mrs Rendell will be sitting opposite her fellow crime writer P.D. James, who sits as a Conservative as Baroness James of Holland Park. Hele-

na Kennedy, QC, also be-comes a Labour peer. In all, 15 new Conservative peers are announced, ten in Mr Major's list and five in the working peers list. The latter are Tristan Garel-Jones, the former Foreign Office minis-ter, Michael Morris, the for-mer deputy Speaker, and

three other former Tory ministers, Sir John Cope, Sir Wyn Roberts and Sir Hector

As The Times reported yes-terday, the most prominent absentee from Mr Major's list was Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor. Because of his former seniority be would have expected a peerage but was not offered one. Sources close to Mr Major denied a revenge motive. Mr Lamont becomes the first former Chancellor in recent memory not to have been given a peerage after intimating that

he was prepared to take one. Sir Tim Bell, advertising guro under both Baroness Thatcher and Mr Major, did not feature even though the



David Sainsbury: one of the new business peers

image troika - Peter Gummer and Maurice Saatchi — Pecuages are given, however, to Norman Blackwell, former head of the Downing Street policy unit; Tony Newton, former Commons leader; Ian Lang, former Board of Trade President; former Cabinet ministers Roger Freeman and David Hunt, Dame Janet Fookes, the former deputy Speaker, and former ministers Lord James Douglas-Hamilton and Sir Terence Higgins.

Sir Cranley Onslow and Dame Jill Knight, former grandees of the influential 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers, are also rewarded for their loyalty by being made

Mr Major's close relation-

ship in the final years of his premiership to Michael Heseltine is underlined by his award of Companion of Hon-our to the former Deputy

Although Mr Blair remains committed to removing the voting rights of hereditary peers he wants in the meantime to correct the imbalance that has grown between the parties during Labour's long years of opposition. Before the latest appoint-

ments, there were 327 Conservative hereditary peers. compared with just 15 Labour, and 152 Tory life peers, compared with III Labour.

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His new list of 31 was heavily dominated by former MPs including Bryan Davies, Peter Hardy, Norman Hogg, Robert Hughes, Greville Jamer, Alf Morris, Stan Orme, Stuart Randall, Sir Harold Walker and Michael failed to find new seats when the boundaries of their constituencies were redrawn before the last election. Others simply retired.

Also on the list is Roy Hughes. There was controversy earlier this week when he let slip to his local newspaper that he was due to get a peerage. Mr Hughes an-nounced just before the general election that he would not fight his safe seat, making way for Alan Howarth, the Tory

MP who switched to Labour. Party leaders had been keen to find a seat for Mr Howarth and the peerage for Mr Hughes will foel suspicion that he was offered it as an incentive to give up his seat. Union appointees include Tom Burlison, Labour Party treasurer and deputy general secretary of the GMB; Gar-field Davies, of USDAW; and Clive Brooke joint general secretary of the Public Services Tax and Commerce

The new Liberal Democrat working peers announced in-clude the former MPs Diana Maddock and Emma Nicholson, who defected from the Tories at the last election.

More honours, page 6



Rival Queens of Crime

BY MARK HENDERSON

A BATTLE, fought in the nation's bookshops, is to be joined in the House of Lords. Britain's claimants to the title of Queen of Crime will soon be facing each other in Westminster after yesterday's an-nouncement that Ruth Rendell is to join her rival P.D. James in the Upper House.

Mrs Rendell is to be made a Labour working peer, while Baroness James of Holland Park has sat on the Conservative benches in the Lords since she was included in John Major's New Year's Honours

The pair have written more than 30 bestselling thrillers between them, and their detectives, Inspectors Wexford (Rendell) and Dalgleish (James) have become teleision favourites. "Phyllis is a great friend,

and it will be great to join her in the House of Lords," Mrs Rendell said yesterday. "We have always had opposite political positions but I don't think that will cause any more strife between us now than it has in the past. It will be nice to have a familiar face on the



P.D. James: sits on

other side of the house." Mrs Rendell said she and Baroness James had enjoyed each oth-er's work and had never felt they were in competition. "I respect her hugely, and I'm not sure there's really much rivalry there. If there is rivalry it is of the healthiest sort."

Baroness James, 76, who is away on holiday this weekend, was one of the first people Mrs Rendell tried to contact when the news was announced yesterday. Baroness James's secretary said that she would be delighted by Mrs Rendeli's peerage and would look forward to debating with her. Mrs Rendell, 67, was an

unexpected appointment who appears to have leap-frogged other Labour supporters from the arts world such as Melvyn Bragg and John Mortimer. Her peerage came as a sur-

prise even to her. "I had not Continued on page 2, col 1 **Duke of Edinburgh**

day, the Duke will watch from

personal thing for the Duke whether he sails or not. Even if he is not in the competitions, there are plenty of other things for him to do at Cowes," the spokesman said.

The Duke, with ex-King Constantine of Greece, an accomplished sailor, at his side, won his first race for 30 years in 1995 as captain of Yeoman XXVIII.

But it is as Admiral of the Royal Yacht Squadron that he has helped to influence modern Cowes Week more than any other individual. It was at his suggestion that the yachting clubs formed the Cowes Combined Clubs to run the event, which this year has attracted a record entry of

more than 900 yachts. Captain Dan Bradby, secretary of the Cowes Combined Clubs, said: "The Duke's contribution has been immense. If this is the end of his sailing participation in Cowes Week,

Surgeon taken off duty for letting boy join in operation

By Ian Murray and Joanna Bale

A SENIOR surgeon has been suspended from duty while his hospital investigates a complaint that he allowed a teenage schoolboy to assist him in

an operation.

The incident is said to have occurred while the boy, aged lo, was spending a week on work experience at the Mayday Hospital in Croydon, south London, According to evidence given to the hospital management, the boy was allowed to follow the doctor on his hospital rounds and on July 4 was scrubbed up and taken into an operating theatre. He is said to have been allowed to hold a retractor keeping the incision wound open while the surgeon car-

ried out the operation. The surgeon, who works principally in other hospitals in the south London area, was suspended from duty at Mayday at the start of this week on his return from holiday.

Keith Ford, the hospital trust's chief executive, said last night: "Suspension is to allow time for facts to be gathered. A disciplinary hearing has been scheduled for next week and a statement will be issued by the end of the week. To make any further comment would be prejudicial to the correct conduct of the hearing."

A spokesman for the Department of Health said: "We are aware that there was an incident in which it was alleged that a student on work experience was in an operating theatre ... on the face of it this would appear to be rather

worrying.*
Dr John Spiers, chairman of the Patients' Association, said: "Given the attitudes of some consultants nothing would

surprise me. It shocks me ... nobody should be in an operating theatre who is not properly trained and regulated. "We do not want bob-a-job

week in the operating theatre. What we want is public information so that patients can judge whether surgeons are any good. It seems that some consultants think they are a law unto themselves." Michael Sutcliffe, who re-

tired recently as consultant surgeon at Mayday, said: "I know the doctor concerned well and he is a surgeon of the very first rank. I am certain he would have done nothing which would have in any way endangered a patient."

In November 1995, a 17ear-old A-level student put five stitches into the leg of a woman patient during two visits to Bradford Royal Infir-mary. Some of the stitches were incorrectly inserted and had to be removed and replaced by the woman's own doctor. The hospital held an inquiry and apologised to the disciplined.

In February, 1995, a surgeon at Treliske Hospital, Trurò-Cornwall, let his theatre nurse remove an appendix. Both were suspended, allowed to retired shortly afterwards.

In July, 1996, a nurse at Clatterbridge Hospital, Wirral on Merseyside admitted that she had performed more than 200 unsupervised minor operations. These were all approved by doctors, involving such processes as removing cysts and taking biopsies. Other nurses have routinely been allowed to strip out veins for bypass operations.

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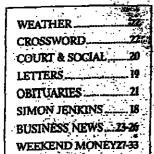
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Parents to lose rights over class size pledge

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

standing rights to admission at popular primary schools as the price of the Government's election pledge to keep class sizes to 30, it emerged yesterday.

Under the plans, head-teachers will be required to close their rolls when classes reach the 30 limit. Parents will lose their right to appeal if they are turned away from a popular school and are forced to send their children to unpopular schools with empty desks. The move, which will revive the "neighbourhood school", is likely to see catchment areas shrink and fuel house prices surrounding the

best state schools. Provisional figures for 1997 show that nearly a quarter of England's 61,000 infant school classes have 31 or more pupils.
Ministers were accused of taking the "cheapest option" for limiting class sizes. "It does not cost any extra cash to tell children they have to go to the school down the road which

PARENTS will lose long has got room. Then they won't have to create extra space in the popular school, said Chris Davis, spokesman for the National Primary Headteachers Association.

The Education Department rejected the idea that thousands of children would be forced into poor schools. A spokesman said money from abolishing the Assisted Places Scheme would provide 2,000 new teachers to add extra classes at popular schools. He said: "We want headteachers to sit down and talk

about issues such as planning

places. We are phasing this in

gradually, so it will be the norm by 2002." A letter has been sent to grammar schools proposing that 20 per cent of parents from the primary schools they serve would need to sign a petition to force a vote on changing them to compre-hensives. Where selection is widespread in a local authority, every parent will be eligi-ble to vote.

New York police foil bomb plot

New York police foiled a plot by at least three Hamas terrorists to bomb the New York subway's Atlantic Avenue station. The men, thought to be suicide bombers, were arrrested in a Brooklyn apartment after a fourth informed on them. The police had been totaly unaware of the plot.

And in Israel, the authorities arrested more than 50 suspected Islamic extremists in connection with Wednesday's Jerusalem market bomb

Double beds and pubs on Virgin

Virgin Atlantic Airways plans to offer travellers double beds in private rooms, pubs, showers and exercise facilities on its new generation of Airbus A340s, which it has ordered in a £L6 billion expansion. The aircraft, which will

carry up to 375 passengers each and are quieter and larger than Virgin's existing A340s, will enter service in 2002 on routes to the West Coast of America and the Far East Page 23 ments. "It is very much a

bows out at Cowes

By Emma Wilkins

THE Duke of Edinburgh is to end 50 years of royal sailing tradition by playing a noncompetitive role at Cowes Regatta for the first time. When the event opens to-

the deck of John Paul Geny's private yacht Talitha G instead of taking his usual place at the helm of his Yeoman XXVIII. He has missed only three regattas since 1947 and this year will be the first that he has not been registered as the skipper of his own yacht. But the Duke will, it is

believed, continue to enjoy sailing and may join in some races during the eight-day Cowes Week. There has been speculation that his decision not to register is prompted by arthritis in his wrist and hand. A Buckingham Palace

spokesman, however, insisted that the Duke was in excellent health. He remains a keen carriage driver and shows little sign of reducing his large number of official engage-

it is a very sad day."

Time flies as royal mechanic thanks Sgt Heston's heroes

IT was a long time since Princess Elizabeth was a motor mechanic in the ATS, and Charlton Heston was a ser-geant in the USAF 77th Bomb Squadron. Now septuagenarians both, monarch and actor met yesterday at the opening of a museum to commemorate the huge contribution of American air power to the

defence of the western world. The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Kent, the Duke of York and more than 4.000 American veterans of service n Britain, opened the new Ell million American Air Museum at Duxford, the Imperial War Museum airfield near

Cambridge.
Aircraft old and new, led by a B17 bomber, flew overhead in a salute to the 30,000 American airmen who died flying from British bases during the Second World War. One star was missing from

the firmament of the famous and the decorated at yesterday's ceremony. A position of honour had been reserved for the former colonel in the US Army Air Force, Jimmy Stewart. The Hollywood veteran, who had been chief fundraiser in America for the museum appeal, died last month.

When he fell ill last year, he asked his fellow combatant, Heston, to take over his role. Heston, now 73, drew laughter when he confessed to having been a mere sergeant, and to feeling seriously outranked by the field-marshals and generals present yesterday.

Guests at the museum, designed by Sir Norman Foster and the largest precast concrete structure in Europe, included Sir Denis and Lady Thatcher, Field Marshal Lord Bramall, chairman of the Imperial War Museum, Dr Sheila Widnall, US Secretary of the Air Force, and Colonel Robert Morgan, whose missions from East Anglia inspired the film Memphis Belle.

The Queen and the royal party spent half an hour touring the 70.000sq ft museum, the largest collection of American combat aircraft outside the USA. Funding has come from the Lottery Heritage Fund, the Saudí Árabian royal family, and from thousands of American veterans



Honouring American airmen who died flying from British bases: Charlton Heston, above, who felt seriously outranked yesterday, and below, the Queen meets Colonel Robert Morgan, the pilot of the Memphis Belle

The collection of 21 aircraft, some suspended from the roof as though in flight, includes Gulf War exhibits.

Opening the museum, the Queen said: "I have personal memories and experience of how the close relationship between our two countries over the years has been enhanced by the presence of the United States Air Force in the United Kingdom, and especially in this part of England."

American veterans had no trouble recalling their last visit. Bill Leasure arrived at Duxford in 1942 to fly B17 Flying Fortresses: "I remember being scared to death because we were one of the original groups sent over. But everyone was so friendly. There was a bit of a language problem to begin with because we couldn't understand what you guys were saying, but we some long-lasting friendships



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when the boat comes in.

for Lords Continued from page 1 thought for a moment I was being considered until I was

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approached two weeks ago," she said. "As I have always supported Labour it seemed natural to accept, and I shall view it as a second career." She said she would be moving to London and that her husband Donald, a for-

mer political journalist for the Daily Mail, had already started to fill her in on the treacheries of Westminster. "He will be able to prepare me for what to expect," she said. Mrs Rendell intends to take

a particular interest in the arts and in women's issues. "I think the future of literacy in our children is very important, and I shall be a strong advocate of libraries," she said. "I will also be campaigning for the rights of abused

Although she was once a vocal supporter of CND, she said that she was no longer movement and would not be inclined to cause trouble over

Lollipops for all as Major resigns | Breakaway group himself to keeping everyone sweet blamed for bomb

ALTHOUGH a little top-heavy on peers — Harold Macmillan in his resignation honours in 1963 handed out Anthony Howard on a top-heavy honours list apparently at odds with the former Prime Minister's ideal of a classless society only one peerage (and that went to his private secretary John Wyndham who had served him throughout his the feast, Certainly, as a onepremiership on a salary of £1

time advocate of a classless a year) - today's Resignation society, the former Prime Honours List will not raise Minister has not visibly shrunk from promoting the continuing reign of rank and stairs tone is very much what distinction. A Companionship is expected on such occasions: of Honour for Michael Heseltine (who thus joins David Hockney as a member just as ambassadors count themselves lucky if they get a of that bizarre order), peerroyal visit, and hence are appointed Knight Commandages for other Cabinet coler, Royal Victorian Order (KCVO) while en poste, so the leagues, knighthoods for lesser ministers and, finally. staff at Chequers and their ribbons and gongs from the

all-purpose Order of the Brit-

must secretly pray for a change of Prime Minister during their period of duty. That after all, is traditionally ish Empire for the rest. Yet what sticks out about Mr Major's list is how inflationary it all is. He has dished out no fewer than ten But this time it seems to be peerages, where Margaret Thatcher in 1990 was quite content with seven. Nor is that a case of lollipops all round with only poor Norman Lamont being banished from by any means a true compari-

son - for the former leader has already had one substantial bite at the cherry with his list of working peers, issued in the election campaign, while another five of his former Commons colleagues get a further bite in Mr Blair's list of working peers. The whole thing is threatening to get out of hand — not least because what the House of Lords cries out for is reduction.

At least, however, Mr Major has chosen to reward people he knows - and presumably likes as well. The saddest thing about the most notorious Resignation Hon-ours List of all — that issued by Harold Wilson in May 1976 - was not that it contained names that even the normally compliant Honours Scrutiny Committee would

not let through: it was that a good number were not known personally to the Prime Minister - who, being an essentially lonely man, had to send people out into the hedgerows and byways to complete the list he thought would be expected of him.

No one can accuse Mr Major of running that kind of risk. He has come up with exactly the kind of nominations - high and lowly - that one would expect of someone who missed his vocation by allowing himself to be side-tracked from his obvious vocation to become his party's Chief Whip. In death, as in life, the fallen Prime Minister emerges as the great protector of the politicians' trade union - not a man for the mountain tops or the broad horizons but a very helpful fellow to have at your side when attempting to climb the steep and rugged pathway of contemporary British politics.

Honours, page 6

By MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SECURITY sources yesterday said that republicans hostile to the new IRA ceasefire had placed the huge car bomb found outside a County Fermanagh hotel on Thursday night. The sources said the most likely culprits were a breakaway terrorist group called the Continuity Army Council, but did not rule out the involvement of dissident

TRA members. No one admitted planting the bomb, which could have killed scores of holidaymakers and destroyed the Carrybridge Hotel in the village of Lisbellaw, near Enniskillen, had it exploded. A statement issued by Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, merely called on all groups still engaged in armed actions to desist.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, condemned the attack, which seemed designed to destabilise the peace

Colin Beattie, owner of the

15-room family-run hotel, said that at around 9pm his daughter had noticed someone park-ing the car close to a hotel wall and walking away without turning the lights off. The barman could not find the car's owner. The receptionist then received a bomb-warning call from a man who repeated that "this is the real thing". A second warning call was made

to a local priest.

The hotel and another 35 holidaymakers on boats moored in its marina were evacuated. Bomb experts carried out a controlled explosion. The Royal Ulster Constabulary said the Ford Orion contained between 500lb and 1,000lb of

homemade explosive. The Continuity Army Coun-cil, which launched a similar artack against a botel in Enniskillen, in July 1996, is the paramilitary wing of Re-publican Sinn Fein, which has denounced the IRA

NEWS IN BRIEF

£4m loan tycoon is new Tory treasurer

Sir Graham Kirkham, one of Britain's 50 richest men, who loaned the Conservative Party £4 million to avert a cash crisis, was appointed party treasurer yesterday. Sir Graham the yesterday. Sir Granau achief executive of the DFS furniture chain, heads a new list of treasurers.

William Hague, per snaded Sir Graham to step into the breach left by Lord Harris of Peckham, the carpet tycoon, who virtually singlehandedly multi-million pound over draft for John Major. Lord Harris has decided

Jail increases

Tougher sentencing policies are pulting more women and young offenders in jail according to figures issued yesterday. The number of women in prison rose last year by 14 per cent while jailed young offenders went up by 15 per cent. The num ber of women rose from 2,000 in 1995 to 2,300 last year and the number of young offenders went from 5,600 to 6,500.

Drugs supremo The father of Leah Betts the teenager who died after taking Eestasy, said yesterday he wanted to be the Government's new drugs "czar". Paul Betts, a former police officer, said he would be applying for the post, advertised this week, of a high profile co-ordinator to lead the fight. against substance abuse. He said he wanted to bring together the various anti-drugs organisation Doctor killed

A British doctor was shot and stabbed to death in a township of KwaZulu/-Natal after his minibus was hijacked. Spence Wil. liam Alexander, 38, was responding to an emer-gency call when he was attacked on Thursday, Bystanders took him to hospital where he died. He moved to the South African province in 1990 with

Toll trial

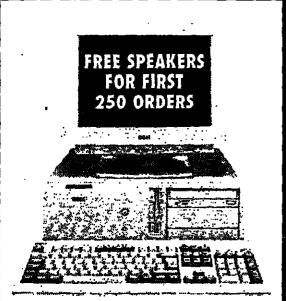
Leicester will introduce an experimental toll on a 212mile stretch of road into the city centre on Monday. torists, ranging from businessmen to the unemployed and the elderly, are being credited with cash to pay the toll on in-car computers, trig-gered by roadside com-puters. Their alternative is to use park and ride use park-and-ride

MP's funeral

More than 800 mourners. including Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, gathered yes-terday at Paisley Abbey to pay their last respects to Gordon McMaster, 37, the Labour MP for Paisley South who died this week. A private family service was held simultaneously at a funeral par-lour in his home town of

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Purge on playing fields of England

Visiting colonials blamed for upsurge in bad behaviour

at public school cricket games, Nicholas Wood reports

PUBLIC school headmasters are planning a purge of unsporting conduct on the cricket field amid mounting concern about bad language, cheating and dissent A move towards more fix-

tures against aggressive and noisy touring sides from Australian and South African schools, which model their tactics on their ruthless Test sides, is being blamed for the decline of the Corinthian spirit on the country's most exclusive playing fields. The bad example set by domestic professional and club cricket ers, and the influence of television, are also causing

Neil Gamble, head of the 700-pupil Exeter School, said he intended to press for a crackdown on bad behaviour at the next meeting of the sports committee of The Headmasters' Conference.
"There is no question that the

prevalence of sledging [ver-bally abusing] the batsman has increased markedly over the last five years and that has percolated down to schools.



Gamble: crackdown

son is over boys go off and play in leagues around the country." Mr Gamble, a commintee member at Devon County Cricket Club, added: There is a lack of chivalry

Pressure for action on the conference, which represents the country's top 240 feepaying schools, follows a spat in June between Marlborough and Radley colleges that because once the school sea- has led to the cancellation of

cricket I have ever seen". The umpires had to rebuke the Tonbridge captain after one of the South African nen complained that he had been called "a penis" by one of the fielders. But the South Africans also overstepped the mark. The umpires warned their captain about "backchat" from his fielders and reprimanded a bowler for showing dissent. Paul Taylor, cricket master

schools matches

after being bowled.

Some of the worst scenes

one of England's strongest

junior teams — and a visiting

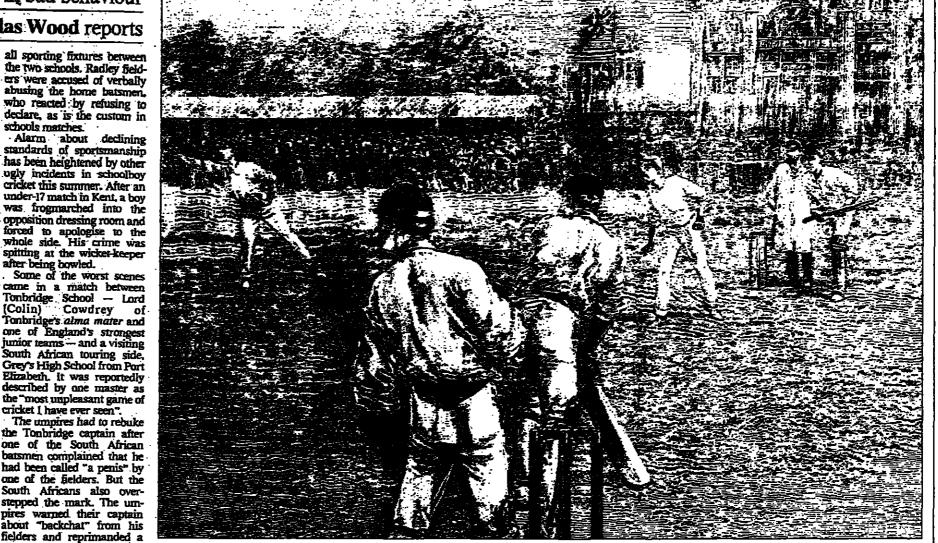
South African touring side,

Elizabeth, it was reportedly

at Tonbridge, admitted that spectators at the match on July 9, at the end of a threeday festival, had been shocked by the racket coming from the ground. But the game had been particularly hard fought because both sides were striving to safeguard their unbeaten records. The difficulty is that you

are asking boys to play very competitively and aggressively and intimidate through actions and not through words," Mr Taylor said. Teaching that line is very difficult when they see what goes on in the professional

He was in no doubt that schoolboy cricket had changed in the past decade and that the trend for playing more matches against gritty



Middlesex against Nottinghamshire at Lord's in 1802, when cricket was a game for gentlemen amateurs and "sledging" was unknown

the English game. "Schools cricket has got a lot harder in the past ten years and with that there is a danger, we are well aware of, of losing that line. You have got to respect your opponents as people and cricketers. Once you cross that line you are in trouble."

Joe Townsend, who um-pired the match, said that his fellow umpire had been dismayed by the boys' behaviour, which could be explained only by the prestige at stake. "He said that if it had occurred at the start of the festival he would not have wanted to come back."

Gerald Howat, schools cricket correspondent of The Cricketer magazine, who first Radley and Marlborough.

said that headmasters were becoming increasingly worried about bad behaviour on the field. "Those in authority in cricket circles, including HMC schools, are aware that sledging and bad behaviour are on the increase, some of which is attributable to English schools apeing Australian

and South African sides."

Mr Gamble said he expected other members of the conference committee would support a call for action at the meeting in October. "We will probably finish up making representations to cricket masters to make sure that the behaviour of their pupils on the field goes back to five to ten years ago."

Village club fears catch in £290,000 new ground

A VILLAGE cricket team has refused to use its new £290,000 ground for fear of spoiling its chances of winning the league for the first time (Paul Wilkinson

The side from Studley Royal in North Yorkshire became the envy of most small clubs when it won £145,000 funding from the National Lottery towards new pitches and a pavilion. Another £20,000 came from Paul Sykes, the multimillionaire who offered to fund anti-European Community candidates in the general election and who lives in the village. Club members raised the rest. The players were sched-

uled to move onto the eightacre site at the start of the summer, but the early-season drought left the pitch without any grass. The team returned to the wicket where it has played for 100 years, next to a deer park. Now the wetter weather means the new pitch is ready for play, but the first team has refused

to use it. Robert Sowray, 50. the club's former chairman, said: 'They know every bump and crack on the old pitch and think a change at this vital stage of the season could cost them the title."

Studley Royal is third in the top division of the Nidderdale League, four points behind the joint leaders with four games to go. In 15 years it has never finished top. The club has 150 players - 50 more than the village population - in three senior

Benefit cheats made £100,000 in 'cottage industry' of fraud

FOR more than seven years behind the scheme, which she Often she would take the Lynne Price and her out-ofwork husband amazed neigh ate husband, Drewery Price.

their large bungalow in Cottenham. Cambridgeshire, in white leather, installing gold-plated bathroom fittings and laying fitted carpet throughout. Last night, how-ever, they were both in jail after fraud investigators dis-covered their wealth had been based on a systematic abuse of the benefits system which

amassed more than £100,000. The children's 38-year-old mother, who is expecting her seventh child next month. wept as she was sentenced to four years at Cambridge Crown Court by Judge Jonathan Haworth who condemned her as a "leech on the

operated with her barely literbours by keeping six children When investigators from the in opulent style and taking. Department of Social Security extensive holidays abroad.

The couple made no secret 1400 is cash and evidence of their wealth, furnishing how she had accumulated more than £100,000 in highinterest savings accounts,

In the world of Boy's Own, speciating schoolboys

many of them in her children's names. They also discovered tickets worth more than £3,000 for a holiday on the industry". Caribbean island of Antigua. She ple Jailing Price and her hus-band, the judge condemned them as: Cheats and frauds who plundered taxes paid by

ends meet."
Price travelled miles to benefit offices across London and the South East, each time concecting a different family biography and history, giving precise dates of birth for various numbers of children

different offices. prosecution, described Price's

specimen counts of cheating the benefits system. She also asked for ten similar offences people working hard to make

public purse". He described and giving a permutation of her as the undoubted brains addresses to collect benefit.

children along with her and was scrupulous never to forget which lies she told at the Andrew Williams, for the

fraudulent activities as "almost a full-time job. running all over the country servicing each of the false identities, signing on, cashing cheques. It was a virtual cottage She pleaded guilty to 16

to be taken into consideration. A jury acquitted her hus-band of taking part in false accounting as they accepted he was not sufficently literate to had told the court he could not remember the genuine ages of his children and referred to the youngest - who is aged

He told investigators he

me out of the car. He kept

saying how brave I was and

how calm I seemed after the

Mr Portillo called the

olice and an ambulance on

his mobile phone. He was on

his way to the air tattoo at

RAF Fairford when the acci-

believed the family's lifestyle including a holiday in Cyprus and a planned fortnight in the Caribbean, was paid out of a legacy from his mother-in-law and the generosity of his father-in-law. He was found guilty of four specimen charges of obtaining at least £15,000 benefit by deception over five years and jailed for

Mr Williams described how Price would use addresses family and said she had enjoyed a comfortable upbringing in Edmonton, north London and had clearly been well educated before she married into the travelling

He said she always flaunted her wealth, from the expensive gold jewellery to the decor in the family's bungalow, which he described as "opulently if gaudily furnished - not all to our own taste, but neverthe-



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Crash victim lauds gallant Portillo

MICHAEL PORTILLO, the

former Defence Secretary, behaved like an officer and a gentleman when a woman crashed her car into the Prince of Wales's gatepost. Mr Portillo jumped from his official car to offer help to the woman, who had swerved

to avoid another car outside Highgrove House, near Temury, Gloucestershire. The account of Mr Portillo's gallantry was given

at Circucester Magistrates' Court where Stuart Rochester, 62 was found guilty of driving without due care and Jacqui Harrison, 28, told

the court that she swerved to avoid Mr Rochester when he pulled out from behind a tractor driven by Tim Longhurst a labourer at Highgrove. She crashed outo a grass verge and into the

Mrs Harrison, of Bradley that, are you OK? Luckily I dent happened in July last



"I know you, don't I?" Jacqui Harrison asked Michael Portillo as he helped her from her car

Stoke, Bristol, said that Mr wasn't injured and he helped Portillo jumped from his Volvo to come to her aid: "He was very kind and considerate to me. He opened my car door and asked if I was all right. As soon as I looked up. path of a car driven by a I recognised him I said, I police officer, before hitting know you, don't I? He just the royal gatepost.

year. "Mr Portillo went on to his engagement after he was sure I was all right. He even sent his driver back to see if I needed a lift home. He couldn't have been any kinder," Mrs Harrison said. Mr Portillo gave evidence of Mr Rochester's driving: "The car began to overtake the tractor. When be did that it was close to the bend. My

> it looked a very dangerous "A car appeared in the opposite direction coming around the bend. The driver took evasive action by swerv-

<u>immediate reaction was that</u>

ing to the left." Outside the court Mr Portillo, who lost his Enfield Southgate seat at the general election, said: "We were a bit shaken up. The lady in the car was incredibly plucky. She had been through a terrible

experience." Mr Rochester, an accountant from Gretton. Northamptonshire, was fined £200 with £140 costs and his licence was endorsed with six points.

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BSE cows 'suffer' in cash cuts stampede

Cattle for slaughter are jammed in

Somerset County Council say

they have been alarmed by the number of old and unhealthy

cows being delivered to local

markets and then facing long

journeys to find abattoirs able

Glen Berry, a council in-

spector, told the programme: "Many are 'old ladies' that

have gone through bouts of mastitis and are lame. Accord-

ing to law, these animals

should be taken to the nearest

place of slaughter but there is no near place for them to go

From Monday the compen-

sation for old cows will be cut

from 64.9p to 57.7p per kilo-

cost-cutting measure, the max-

imum weight on which the

compensation will be paid will

be 500kg, making a maxi-

mum of £323 per cow. Mike

Lambert, of the National

Farmers' Union, said: "Up to

now you could expect to get compensation of £600 to £700

for a good fat suckler [beef]

Last month, the Interven-

tion Board, the government agency administering the cull.

cut the number of abattoirs

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cattle being slaughtered and

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markets, reports Michael Hornsby

CUTS by the Government in and in the number of abattoirs authorised to slaughter them are causing congestion at cattle markets and jeopardising animal welfare, say farmers and auctioneers.

Farmers with cattle more than 30 months old, which are banned for human consumotion under BSE controls, have been been rushing to get their animals to slaughter before the compensation cut comes into force on Monday. Some cattle markets have been forced to hold animals in lairage, or holding pens, for several days because they cannot find abattoirs to take

Jim Watson, of Midland Marts, which runs Banbury market, Oxfordshire, said: We had to hold about 500 animals in our lairage for four to five days, milking them and providing bedding and water.

These were animals that should have gone to slaughter the day after we received them. But orders were cancelled at the last minute because the abattoirs could not handle them."

David Lock, of Premier Livestock Auctioneers, which runs the Yeovil and Frome markets in Somerset, said that he had been inundated with calls over the past two weeks from farmers wanting to unload old cattle.

We have had to turn most of them down because we could not find abattoirs able to take the animals. We are probably not getting more than 50 cattle away a week in each of our markets at the moment under the 30-months scheme, compared with 250 a week previously.

in a report to be broadcast tomorrow by BBC1's Country-File programme, animal

Twins share common bond in priesthood



Yvonne Clarke and her sister, Jennifer Thomas, yesterday: "We love being priests; it is more than a job"

JENNIFER THOMAS and Yvonne Clarke have become the first identical twins in Britain to be ordained women priests. The sisters, aged 38. have taken up positions in the Church of England with the diocese of Southwark in south-

east London.
Mrs Clarke, who is married with three soris, is assistant curate of St Alban Mission Church in Moningham. Miss Thomas has just been appointed vicar of Christ Church and St Paul in Forest Hill.

Mrs Clarke said: "Our parents are very proud of us. It is something we both always wanted to do.

We have three brothers and another sister and I think our parents expected the boys to go into the church, not us girls. Jennifer and I are very close and we talk to each other about our work. We love being priests; it is more than a job."

I St Ethelburga, the medieval church in the City of London severely damaged by an IRA bomb in 1993, could be rebuilt in time for the millennium. The news came when the Bishop of London, the Right Rev Richard Chartres, announced yesterday that the architects Purcell Miller Tritton had been selected for the job of turning the ruins into a centre for reconciliation and peace.

A prominent City firm is understood to be considering a El million donation to the project to mark the turn of the millennium.

dress, beat drums, held prayers and observed three min-

Pat Barrow, 48, an amateur

archaeologist, found bones,

teeth and a set of shackles he

claimed came from prisoners

aboard the 300-ton vessel,

which sank en route from St

Lucia. West Indies, to Bristol,

in 1796. Mr Barrow said that

records showed that the bones

were those of African prison-

ers of war, but tests are now

being carried out to find if they

are African or European.

utes silence.

Service at grave

of wreck victims

NEWS IN BRIEF Football trial jury home for weekend

weed I

Jurors in the football match-fixing trial were given the weekend off after failing to reach verdicts. They had spent more than three hours deliberating after the judge's summing up at Winchester Crown Court yesterday. Bruce Grobbelaar, John Fashanu and Hans Segers, and a businessman, Heng Snan Lim, deny rigging match

Comic in court

The comedian Eddie Large appeared before Woodspring Magistrates, Somerset, charged under his real name, Edward McGinnis with damaging a car. The case was adjourned to August 15.

Murder denial David Frost, 21, denied at Bristol Crown Court the rape and murder of Lou-

ise Smith, 18. after a Christmas party in 1995. Mr Frost, a student, of Yate, Avon, was remanded in custody.

Strike ballot

The Fire Brigades Union is to ballot its 2,000 members in Manchester for strike action in a dispute over spending cuts which, it claims, will weaken emergency cover and lead to the loss of 36 jobs.

Butler jury fails

A jury failed to reach a verdict over a butler, Dennis Tyler. 63, accused of indecently assaulting his employer, Cicely Lancas ter, 97. at Kelmarsh Hall, Northamptonshire. A re-trial is being considered.

Spa runs dry

Taps at the pump rooms in Leamington Spa have been turned off after vandals damaged pipework carrying the mineral water from underground springs. Repairs are ex-

Learner, 17, tried to blame victim for death crash

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

A TEENAGE learner driver was jailed for 18 months yesterday after trying to escape blame for a car crash in which his best friend died by claiming the dead youth was

ly since late last year. At one point up to 50,000 a week were David Paterson, 17, from being killed but the average Dunblane, Stirling, asked two now was 13,000, mainly eldersurviving passengers to lie to police and to say that Nicholas Brown, 17, had been driving Jack Cunningham, the Agriwhen the car hit a verge and culture Minister, dismissed the reports of market chaos as spun out of control on a exaggerated and said that he narrow country road. However, his plan to avoid prosehad no evidence to support cution failed when he owned claims that cattle awaiting slaughter were not being propup under police questioning. Paterson, an unemployed

garage mechanic, was a learner driver when he took his three friends for a spin in his H-year-old Toyota Starlet in August last year. He had owned the car for three weeks.

The car hit a verge at speed, flipped over three times and skidded on its roof. Nicholas, who was in the front seat and was not wearing a seat belt, was thrown through the wind-

After the crash the survivors scrambled from the wreckage and Paterson tried to revive his friend by giving him the kiss of life. Moments later he asked Brian McFarlane, 17.

and Steven Nairn, 18, to lie to police and say the dead youth had been driving. Paterson was found guilty

by jury a last month of driving the car dangerously at excessive speeds and causing the death of Nicholas, a graduate of nautical college. He also admitted driving a car that was not roadworthy, driving without insurance, an MoT certificate and on a provisional licence without L-plates. He was appearing for sentence yesterday at Stirling Sheriff Court. Six months of the sentence was for attempting to

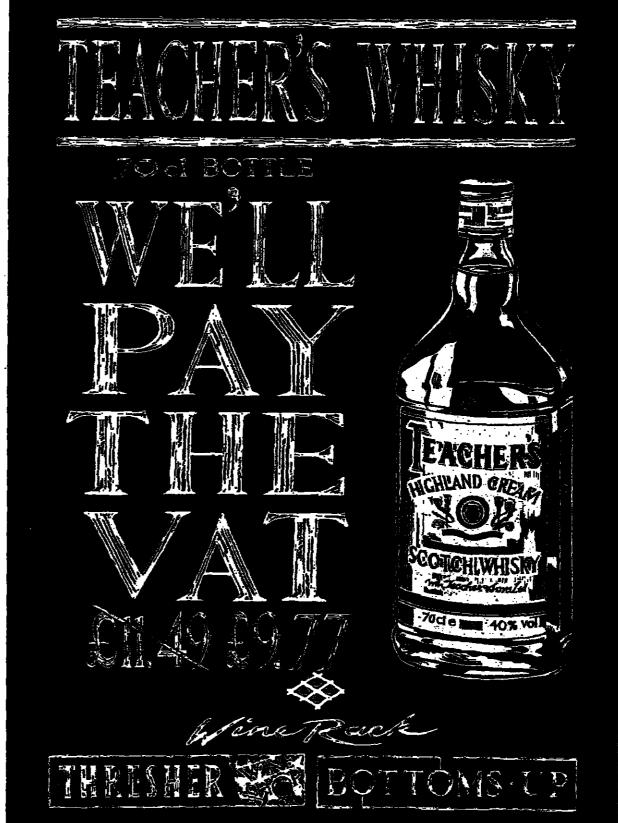
By A STAFF REPORTER A CEREMONY yesterday wants Britain to apologise and commemorated what is pay compensation, "Mr Grant thought to be a mass grave of said. Supporters, in ethnic

black victims of a shipwreck 200 years ago. It is not clear whether those lying beneath the sands at Rapparee Cove. ilfracombe, Devon, were slaves or prisoners of war being carried aboard the lost barque London.

More than 200 members of the Africa Reparations Move-ment, led by its founder. Bernie Grant, MP for Tottenham, attended the ceremony. "It brings to the fore the fact that Britain was involved in

pervert the course of justice. the slave trade, and ARM

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Blair's choice to succeed Butler salutes tradition

By Valerie Elliott, Whitehall editor

darins to succeed Sir Robin Butler, next January, as Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service.

The appointment of Sir

Richard Wilson, currently Per-Richard Wilson, currently Perment and arriving at the manent Secretary at the Home Home Office in 1994. Office, yesterday delighted of-ficials, who saw him as a traditional public servant who would defend their interests. One Whitehall source said: "He is a natural fit for the

Last night, Sir Richard was on his way to Arizona for a holiday with his 18-year-old son Tom. They are both avid Westerns fans and are looking forward to visiting the canyon lands and Monument Valley. Sir Richard, 54, and his wife

Caroline recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. Lady Wilson, whose father Sir Frank Lee was a Treasury Permanent Secretary, teaches at a school near their home in the country. The couple also have a daughter,

Amy, 16.
Sir Richard enjoys country life and gardening. The son of a solicitor who became secretary of the Church in Wales, he spent his early years in Newport. Monmouthshire and moved to the village of Llantarnam, near Cwmbran.

He attended Radley College and won an exhibition to study law at Clare College, Cambridge. He was called to

TONY BLAIR has chosen the the Bar in 1965 and joined the Richard yesterday, saying he candidate backed by the man-former Board of Trade as an was "an outstanding civil assistant principal 31 years ago. He held senior posts af the Treasury and the Cabinet Office before becoming Permanent Secretary at Environ-

> The then Home Secretary, Michael Howard, had person-ally requested that Sir Richard be brought in as Permanent Secretary; he did not want a long standing Home Office official in the job. Mr Howard had to take his case to No 10.
>
> John Major eventually ruled in favour of Sir Richard

> It had been thought that the new Labour Government might prefer a less orthodox appointment. In opposition the Labour leadership seriously considered splitting the role of Cabinet Secretary and that of the Head of the Home Civil

The Prime Minister was still taking views in the middle of this week, and Sir Robin told his senior colleagues at the weekly meeting of permanent secretaries on Wednesday that he hoped a decision would be made before the weekend.

Mr Blair was impressed with Sir Richard, describing him to friends as "a dynamic character". After a lengthy interview with Mr Blair a week ago, Sir Richard was offered the job by the Prime

Minister on Thursday. Mr Blair paid tribute to Sir



appointed Cabinet Secre

"I will be looking to him to implement our plans for simple government, in which the machinery of government works more effectively for the benefit of the people. He will be making sure we make greater use of new technology, both to serve the people and for more effective communication between departments."

drew Turnbull, the Permanent Secretary at the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions, was the other strong contender.

A Downing Street source last night said Mr Blair had decided against separating the roles of Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service because they complemented each other and "add authority, weight and insight to the occupant in both capacities".

One Permanent Secretary

said last night: "Richard Wilson deserved this. He is very, very good, widely experienced and it was right that he was rewarded for putting up with the antics of Michael Howard in the last few years.

Another senior Whitehall source confirmed that Sir Richard had had frequent rows with Mr Howard. He did not enjoy the period of the contentions sacking of Derek Lewis as head of the Prison Service.

Sir Richard was close to Margaret Thatcher when she was Prime Minister. He was in charge of the economic secretariat at the Cabinet office and was closely associated with her economic reforms. As one official put it: "He

can shimmer without stain. It is exactly right that he can move effortlessly from one administration to another. He is the incarnation of the old public service ideal."

Sir Richard is known for his ability to give frank advice without offending and is loyal to staff, whom he "treats as human beings, not as man units". He is liked for his openness and humour and respected for his intellect.



MPs paired: Andrew Mackay, 47, Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary and member for Bracknell, and Julie Kirkbride, 37, the Tories' Bromsgrove representative, arriving yesterday for a service of blessing in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft at the House of Commons, after their marriage at a London register office

Commons powerless to punish former MPs

By Polly Newton, political reporter

THREE Tory MPs who were criticised following an inquiry into cash-for-questions allegations would have been recommended for suspension from the Commons if they still had their seats, the Standards and Privileges Committee said yesterday. It conceded that it was

now powerless to take action. All were censured by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, in his report last month. The committee said that it would have recommended a period of suspen-sion for Michael Brown, Sir Michael Grylls and Tim Smith, and would also have considered recommending a period of suspension for Sir Andrew Bowden.

Members made clear that they were uneasy about the limitation on their powers to punish former MPs: "In a future report, we shall offer advice to the House on appropriate penalties and sanctions for members and former members involved in unacceptable behaviour."

The committee faces a much tougher test in the fifth and most controversial case dealt with by Sir Gordon in his report - that of Neil Hamilton. Sir Gordon found "compelling" evidence that Mr Hamilton received cash payments from Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods, in return for lobbying services.

But the former Trade Minister, who lost his Tatton seat to pondent Martin Bell on May I, has vehemently denied any wrongdoing and branded Sir Gordon's report "a miscar-riage of justice".

Although the Commons rose for its 13-week summer break on Thursday, the com-Tuesday to discuss Mr Hamilton. A full public apology by Tim Smith, the former MP for Beaconsfield, and his admission of a substantial part of the allegations against him, were

acknowledged by the committee in its report yesterday.

Mr Smith was found by Sir

Gordon to have accepted up to £25,000 in cash payments from Mr Al Fayed in return for lobbying services. But members rejected Mr Smith's query about whether he was being fairly judged, given the standards prevailing in the mid-1980s. His concealment of payments to press for action by ministers would have been a clear contempt of the House at any time since a House decision of 1941, it concluded.

It reached a similar conclusion about Sir Andrew Bowden, who was found by Sir Gordon to have failed to register a donation of £5,319 towards his election expenses from the lobbyist lan Greer. Sir Gordon concluded that the payment was intended as a reward for lobbying and Sir Andrew - former MP for Brighton Kemptown - "probably knew it came originally

from Mr Al Fayed". The committee accepted Sir Gordon's findings that Sir Michael Grylls deliberately misled the Select Committee on Members Interests in 1990 by "seriously understating" the number of commission payments he had received from lobbyists in return for introducing clients to ministers. However, the committee did not accept Sir Gordon's finding that "Sir Michael's action in taking a commission payment for introducing a constituent to Mr Greer was

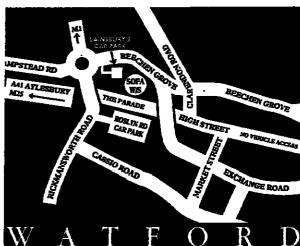
unacceptable". It said: "This was not against the rules. However, we believe such a payment to

be wholly inappropriate." Sir Michael stood down from his Surry North West seat at the election. The admission by Michael Brown, forhe made an error of judgment in failing to register certain interests is acknowledged, as is his apology to the former standards and privileges committee.



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Simon and friends take to the trees to resist efforts to evict them, "We are not going anywhere," he said

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Gillian Bowditch visits 'the Ritz' as protesters act to make impending

eviction more trouble than it's worth

at Britain's oldest peace camp are adopting tactics used in the Manchester airport siege to try to fend off their imminent eviction. The site, opposite the Faslane submarine base on the Clyde, is regarded as the Ritz of peace camps: it has running water, two flushing toilets, a bath, a windmill generating power and its own

Established on June 12 1982, the camp currently has around 40 multinational protesters living in a cluster of garishly painted caravans. benders and tents. The oldest residents are in their 50s and the youngest, Jake, is 3½. At the height of the Thatcher

era the camp was supported by Strathelyde Regional Couneil and Dumbarton District Council, which both declared themselves nuclear-free zones. It was granted legal status and protesters paid rent of £1 a month for the 100-yard strip of grass verge on which it is sited. Initially, planning per-

ANTI-NUCLEAR protesters mission was granted annually, then five-yearly and, eventually, indefinitely

Now Argyll and Bute District Council, an independent local authority, has served a notice to quit on the protesters. Under its terms the camp should have been cleared by midnight on Monday. The council has been authorised to take "all necessary steps" to clear the camp and is planning court action to enforce the notice. A spokesman said there had been complaints from local people, although the protesters insist they have a lot of support.

For the time being, all is peaceful, although police patrols have been stepped up. The protesters are optimistic that the council will decide the eviction is too expensive and bad for its image and quietly drop the whole process.

To this end they are digging runnels, building walkways in the trees and pouring concrete mixed with rubber into oil drums to which they will



A protester called Danny at the mouth of a tunnel. The campaigners also plan to chain themselves to concrete

chain themselves in the event of a forced eviction: the rubber is to make the drills bounce around. The slogan "When freedom is outlawed only outlaws are free" has been carved on a piece of wood.

While the council is taking stock of the situation, a number of councillors are keen to press ahead with the closure of what they regard as an eye-

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sore. If they are successful, it Fighting Ships: it has a telewill represent the end of an era. The Faslane camp is one of only two permanent sites in the country (the other is a women's camp at the American communications base at Menwith Hill. North Yorkshire) and is the only one to be

legally recognised by a local

authority. It boasts an office

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phone and the binmen, postman and milkman make regular calls. However, conditions are far

from luxurious. The site is muddy and squalid and all the equipment is on its last legs. Even so, the residents are determined to stay. Simon, a twentysomething newcomer with part-long part-shorn hair, several nose rings and flawless long purple fingernails, said: "We are not going anywhere. We will physically resist eviction. There are lots of people who will join us when the eviction starts.

"We still have to put the finishing touches to some of the tunnels and lock-ins, but we are already in a position where we can resist for long enough to make the eviction very expensive."

Maria Masone, a veteran of peace camps around the world, said the protesters wanted to give the council a chance to back down. "There is only one camp rule, no violence. Any protest will be

100 per cent non-violent." The irony of surviving the Thatcher era only to be pushed out in the reign of new Labour is not lost on her. There doesn't seem to be a lot of tolerance with this new Government," she said. "Obviously we have to wait and see, but Tony Blair seems to want to control everything. It is almost a sort of social

engineering. Everyone here

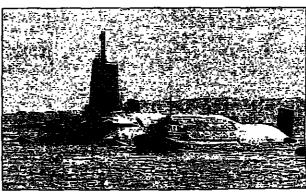
has a strict moral code about

how they relate to society, but by marshalling people into work programmes and refusing them benefits if they don't conform they have become intolerant of that wonderful flexibility on the margins of society where people develop alternative lifestyles."

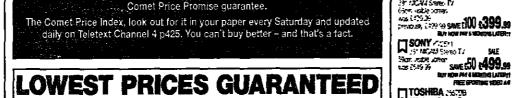
A woman called M. who has spent three years on and off at the camp, explained its role. "We keep an eye on all the comings and goings at the naval base. We call it the Nuke Watch. There is a log book



going back 15 years which is kept up by whoever is here." Jim Chestnut, 45, who, with Jane Tallents, vice-chair of Scottish CND, was one of the earliest protesters at the camp. said: "The danger is not that some madman will press a button and start a nuclear war. The danger is that these submarines are getting old. They are situated in a built-up area. There could be an accident. It is a vital job. Maybe the new Labour Government should sponsor us."



In a protest in 1992, a CND activist jumped into the



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IT WAS 30 YEARS AGO TODAY (MORE OR LESS): DOMINIC KENNEDY CELEBRATES A RETURN TO THE DAYS OF CRYPTIC ROCK ALBUM COVERS,

Parents hold key as Oasis play the generation game

in rock music for a generation has been launched by Oasis, whose new album, Be Here Now, features a sleeve design packed with riddles and obscure symbolism redolent of The Beatles' Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

Fans are pestering their parents for memories of the debate provoked by the elaborate Sgt Pepper cover, issued on June 1 1967 and peppered with imagery widely inter-preted as clues that Paul McCariney was dead.

The parallels become acute when one learns that Oasis recorded part of Be Here Now in the same No 2 studio in Abbey Road, London, which The Beatles used for their 1967 album, released three days after the songwriter Noel Gallagher's birth. On the cover of Set Pepper a toy car can be seen on a zebra crossing. The Beatles echoed the imagery on the cover of Abhey Road in 1969 and, for some fans, perpetuated the myth that Paul was dead by picturing him in black, bare-



Sgt Pepper: the album that had fans guessing

foot and out of step on the crossing near the studio in Abbey Road. In the background can be seen a police van with the registration num-ber SYO 724F. And guess where that registration crops up again? On the number plate of a Rolls Royce on the new Oasis cover.

"I am glad," said John Harris, Editor of Select maga-zine. "We are back to the haleyon days of cryptic album covers that will make a conspiracy theorist's life an absolute joy. . The Internet is

Even the simplest of clues on the cover of Be Here Now is capable of multiple interpretations. Mr Aiziewood explained that a car in the swimming pool was clearly a reference to Keith Moon, The Who's late Wildman" drummer who was in the habit of parking Rolls Royces in pools. Keith Moon used to go to parties at Stocks Hotel Golf and Country Club. where photographs for the

album cover were taken.
In the background of Be
Here Now. Noel Gallagher looks through a telescope, as did Ringo Starr in the film Magical Mystery Tour.The parking meter refers to Lovely Rita. Meter Maid, the traffic warden's anthem on Sgr Pepper, while the wind-up gramophone is the logo of Parlophone. The Beatles old record label.

Among other famously obscure album covers. The Small Faces Ogden's Nut Gone Flake in 1968 opened to show a picture of a tobacco tin with rolling paper that said "Sus" on it. That showed that the box

burn name referred to their favourite tobacco for mixing cannabis joints.

In a corner of the cover of the 1972 album Sailin' Shaes, by Linle Feat, Mick Jagger is pictured dressed as Gainsborough's Blue Boy, for no obvious reason. The LP also shows a cake on a swing being

approached by a grant snail.

One mystery which nobody has solved is the choice of the date Thursday August 21 on the calendar on the front of Be Here Now. It is the release day the aloum, an oddity in itself because most records arrive in the shops on a Monday, and so has been deemed to have great symbol-

August 21 was the date when Sting married his girl-friend in London in 1992, but that seems an unlikely allu-The most significant event for the Gallagher brothers on August 21 was in 1988, when Britain's licenting laws were liberalised. "That must be it," said Mr Harris, "They



Echoes of yesterday: the new Oasis album is a goldmine of obscure imagery. The meaning of the numberplate on the scooter, a Mod icon, remains a mystery

Judges back U2

THE trish rock group U2 yesterday won a legal battle to stage two concerts for \$0,000 fans in Dublin's Lansdowne Road rugby ground on August 30 and 31. The Irish Supreme Court overturned a decision by the city's High Court which had backed local residents who said planning permission was needed.

Charity sell-out

All 4,500 tickets for a concert in aid of Montser-rat sold within 90 minutes vesterday. They went on sale just as the Caribbean island's Soufrière volcano, which in two years has killed 20 people and uprooted thousands, erupted again. The Albert Hall concert on September 15 includes Elton John. Eric Clapton and Sting.

Roman site 'was a prison camp for **Britons'**

By ROBIN YOUNG

BRITONS may have been prisoners in one of the first concentration camps, as well as being the inventors of the

modern version. It has been accepted that the British devised the camps in South Africa during the Boer War. Now it appears that Ancient Britons may have been incurcerated in something similar after fighting the Romans 18 centuries earlier.

Archaeologists have long puzzled over who were the original inhabitants of circular buildings at Vindolanda fort on Hadrian's Wall, which Professor Eric Birley. His son Robin. director of the Vindolanda Trust. near Haltwhistle. Northumberland, said yesterday: "No other Roman fort has circular buildings like these. We have discovered the whole of the 2nd-century fort was flattened for these huts and a new

Mr Birley thinks there could have been up to 200 huts, built back-to-back in rows of five and holding up to 1,000 people. He said: "We know that the Romans were putting down a native rebellion in Scotland between Edinburgh and Aberdeen from 208 to 211. It appears they took hostages from the defeated tribes. If these had just been male prisoners they would have been kept in barracks, but each hut is big enough for a family. They are very similar to native buts - about six metres in diameter. They had ovens and hearths which suggest they held family groups. Also, they had stone foun-

dations and floors, probably built by the Romans, and would have had wantle-andturf walls built by the natives. They may have been here

only six months before the huts were destroyed and the new fort built on top. We assume the people were sent

Diggers found no evidence of pottery or jewellery associated with Roman life around

Hotelier catches a crab over recipe for local soup

By A STAFF REPORTER

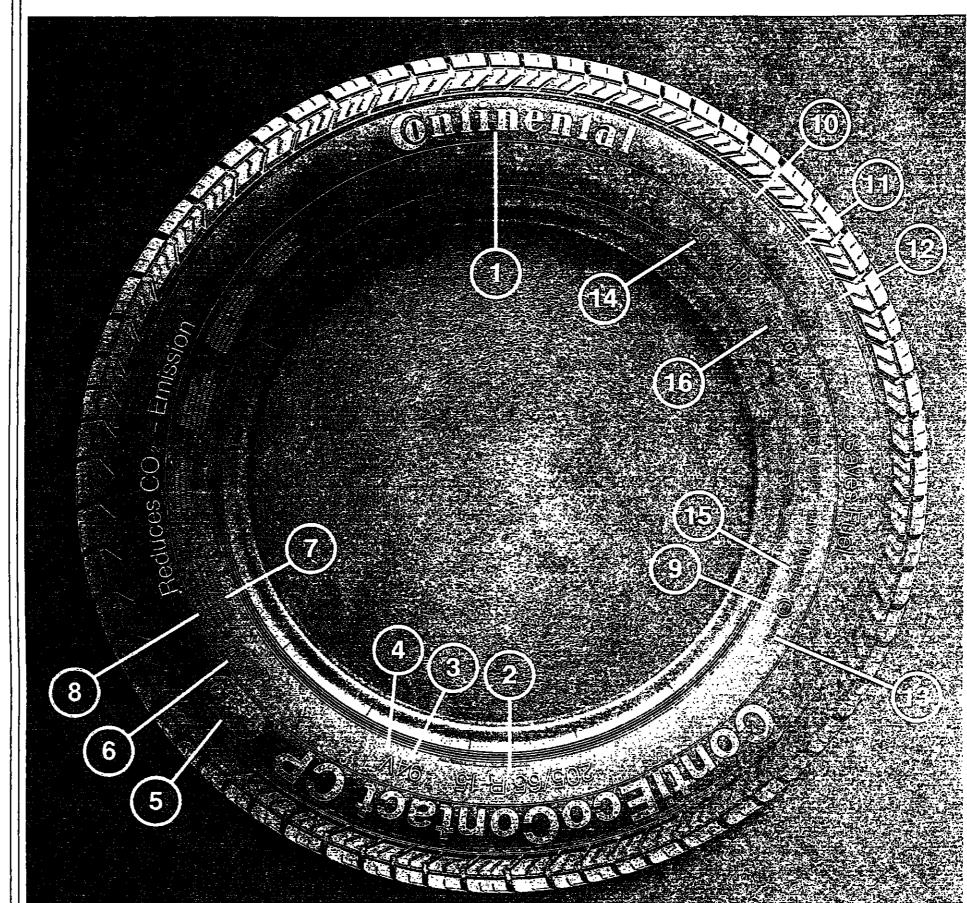
A HOTELIER was fined £100 yesterday for polluting her Cornish crab soup with foreign bodies — Norwegian crabs. Majorie Ross, 79, the owner of the Port Gaverne Hotel, near Port Isaac, was ordered to pay £220 costs after admitting displaying a label which was likely to

"The only thing Cornish about the soup was that the tin was in Cornwall when it was opened and the som air for a fleeting moment," Roger Tregidga, for the prosecution. told magistrates at Bodmin. Trading standards officers visited the 17-bedroom hotel after a holidaymaker, Jacqueline Pool, thought the taste of the £2.95 dish was a little too "commercial" for ber liking. When she walked

past a cupboard at the hotel she saw row upon row of tins labelled Lusty Crab Bisque". When she later complained to Trading Standards officers they went to the hotel and a sample was sent away to the Public Analyst — who discovered the crab was from

Michael Hartley, for the defence, said the company that supplied the crabs had changed hands and Mrs Ross believed it was still supplying her with Cornish crabs. "Over the years she has served thousands of gallons and has received many compliments from patrons. The hotel has a very high reputation nationally." he

Mrs Ross said later: "Everyone thought the soup was excellent. Several asked for the recipe."



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Choice of candidate 'cost us victory'

Labour activists in Uxbridge say selection procedure handed Tories

victory, reports Polly Newton

LABOUR was accused from within its own ranks yesterday of throwing away victory in the Uxbridge by-election because of its choice of candidate.

The attack on the party's selection procedure came as William Hague, the Conservative leader, visited Uxbridge to congratulate local Tory activists on their success. John Randall won with a majority of 3,766, an increase of more than 3.000 on the 724 margin of the late Sir Michael Shersby on May 1.

But as the Tories were enjoying the aftermath of their first by-election victory since Mr Hague won the North

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Yorkshire seat of Richmond in 1989, the Labour leadership was under fire for, in effect, imposing a candidate on the local party.

The National Executive Committee drew up a shortlist for the seat which excluded David Williams, who stood for Labour in Uxbridge at the general election. Andrew Slaughter, the leader of Hammersmith and Fulham council. was selected by the local party from the shortlist.

Peter James, chairman of the Labour group on Hillingdon council - which covers Uxbridge - said: "Far from the Tories winning this elec-tion. I think the Labour Party did a very good job at losing this election.

He said Mr Williams, the leader of the council, should have been the Labour candidate. "I am convinced that if he had been standing, we would have been waking up this morning with a Labour

Mr Williams himself said he was not sure whether he would have won. But he acknowledged that he had heard on the doorsteps that people would have voted for him had he been Labour's

"It was always going to be an uphill struggle and, if I had have been the candidate, the



Tory first: supporters at The Turning Point pub in Uxbridge salute John Randall and William Hague as they celebrate the party's first by-election victory since 1989

position would have been that would have been a hard fight," he told The World at One on Radio 4.

The Tories admitted privately that they might have lost if Mr Williams had been chosen. However, Fraser Kemp, the Labour MP who acted as Uxbridge campaign manager for the party, said it

had operated the same proce-dures for selection of candidates in by-elections for a Those procedures have served us well," he said.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, also defended Mr Slaughter's selection, "We knew we lost some terrible byelections when constituency parties selected them, because special pressures do come on people in by-elections," he said. The procedure had been agreed by the party and was used for every by-election.

He added: "It is true that the Tories made a great deal of this local candidate and it was one of the factors in the

Lord Parkinson, the Conser-

vative Party chairman, said the result reflected Labour's would have said this is really the beginning of the end. Now "arrogance" in ditching Mr. Williams. There was just this people see that there are a substantial number of Conserunease that was creeping into vatives who didn't vote for us the minds of local people. at the general election for one These people think they own reason or another and are the country and it is time we told them that they had better beginning to come back to us. be a shade less arrogant," he

he told the Radio 4 Today Nick Harvey, the Liberal

Democrats' campaign manager, said voters had seen the byelection as a two-horse race. "I think Labour will have learnt a lesson in that parachuting a candidate from outside was taken by local people as a bit of a slap in the face for the local

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ring of secrecy" committee, chaired by Tom King

Blair selects young guard tor detence of the realm

Michael Evans on new members of

the parliamentary security committee

ONE of the youngest new Labour MPs is to join the "elder statesmen" of the Parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee, which monitors MI6, MI5 and GCHQ.

Yvette Cooper, 28, a former journalist, was selected by Tony Blair for the so-called "ring of secrecy" committee which previously had an aver-age age of 63. By tradition it consisted of experienced parliamentarians, many with ministerial knowledge of the intelligence services.
The Prime Minister has also

chosen for the committee Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale, who was an MI6 intelligence officer from 1969 to 1991. Baroness Ramsay. 6l, served in Stockholm. Helsinki and MI6 headquarters in London. The committee will remain under the chairmanship of the Conservative MP Tom King, former Northern Ireland Sec-

retary and Defence Secretary. Ms Cooper is 22 years younger than the next youngest committee member, newly appointed Kevin Barron, Labour MP for Rother Valley. She was an economic colum nist and leader writer at The Independent before she was elected in May and is engaged to be married to Ed Balls. personal adviser to Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the

Exchequer. Her work with the committee will mean access to the most secret material. One Westminster source said: "There are things which she will not be allowed to discuss with her fiance, and presumably things he will not be able to discuss with her." Former colleagues described her as "frighteningly controlled" and

Ms Cooper, who gained a 25.725 majority in Pontefract and Castleford, was an economic researcher for the late John Smith while he was Opposition leader and was a policy adviser to President Clinton's election campaign in 1992. She lists her recreations as swimming, painting and watching soap operas.

The fourth new member of the nine-strong committee is Dale Campbell-Savours, 53, Labour MP for Workington.

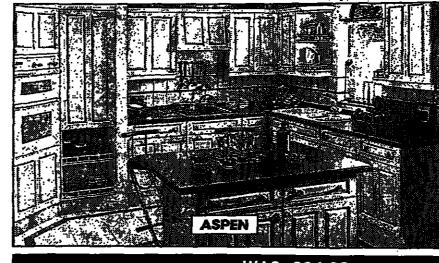
Mr King said he had wanted members with penetrating minds. It was not the job of the committee to "snuggle up" to the intelligence services but to ask pertinent questions on behalf of Parliament and the

The new members will be allowed to see all the classified papers that were made available to the previous committee, appointed under the Conservative Government. Those with no experience of the intelligence services would be expected to "catch up" with the background secret material during the summer recess. he said, but would not be allowed to take the documents home. "They will have to read them at the Cabinet Office." Mr King said.

He plans to summon the heads of MI5. MI6 and GCHQ, the electronic eavesdropping centre, to appear before the new committee, which will have its first meet ing in October. The other members are Alan Beith. Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesman. Barry Jones. Labour MP for Alyn and Deeside, Michael Mates, former Tory Northern Ireland Minister, and Allan Rogers. Labour MP for Rhondda. The meetings are always held

One of the principal concerns of the committee has been the potential for security leaks and foreign penetration of the intelligence agencies. This follows the discovery of Russian-controlled spies in the





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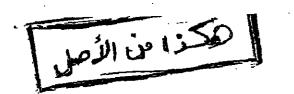




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Couples should undergo trial marriage, says cleric

Ruth Gledhill on a call to revive the medieval practice of living together before making a lifelong commitment-

COUPLES who want to marry should have a formal church blessing allowing them to live together first to "test their vocations" to each other, according to a leading Anglican

The Rev Beaumont Stevenson, a clergyman in the Ox-ford diocese, says the Church should bless formal betrothals, as it did in the Middle Ages. This would-allow couples to find out about each other before they make a vow of lifelong commitment to

In a paper submitted to the Church Times. Dr Stevenson calls for liturgists who are revising the marriage service for the millennium to return to the traditional "two-step procedure" of church weddings.

His proposal comes a week after government statistics showed that few people attach any importance to remaining chaste until marriage and that more than four in ten couples who choose a white wedding are already living together.

Dr Stevenson, former chap-

lain of Keble College, Oxford.



Dr Stevenson: advocated

the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, says that for several hundred years, the Church has failed to

take marriage seriously.
On the one hand, it extols marriage as the highest state in which sexuality can be expressed while on the other it has made entry into the mar-ned state so lax and automatic that virtually anyone living within a parish who applies to be married can do so," he says.

In this respect, marriage differs from other church practices. "Someone wishing to become ordained or to ente a religious community goes through a discernment pro-cess where they test their vocation to that state, "says Dr

The Church once had a similar procedure for mar-riage, but dropped it after the Reformation. In the Middle Ages, it was imperative to know if a marriage would allowed, and also in order to discover if a bride could

become pregnant.

The couple would participate in a service of betrothal at the church door, where they were asked if they would take this man or woman to be their lawful wedded husband or wife "to have and to hold from this day forward.

They then set up home together and, when it became clear the marriage would work would return to church for the final vows at the chancel steps, and then proceed to the high altar for the

"In many paintings of French weddings, the bride is radiant for the final vows of her marriage by being nicely pregnant." Dr Stevenson says. But he notes the process was open to abuse. Chaucer's Wife of Bath married five times at church - door without finalising her vows.

In some countries, such as Scandinavia and Scotland, where sexual relations were prohibited outside marriage, engaged couples were allowed



The Wife of Bath: Chaucer's character took advantage of the medieval practice of living together while betrothed: "housbondes at chirche dore she hadde fyve"

were sewn up in different sleeping bags in a custom known as "bundling".

The medieval practices died out in England after the Reformation, when married clergy were allowed for the first time. Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act of 1753, which defined marriage by law for the first time, further formalised the situation, bringing an end to secular practices such as marking a marriage by jumping over a broom together in front of

The betrothal service did not appear but was tacked on to the beginning of the marriage service. Not only has this debased marriage, but clergy

to sleep in the same beds but are now powerless to stop any marriage they feel might not work out. Dr Stevenson says. There is no time set aside

for discernment or working towards a married state," he says. "The couple are expected to make an infallible choice of partner for life based on a time when they may be so romantically in love with each other that they have no idea how life would be together when the hormonal narcotic wears off." Dr Stevenson, 57, who is also a psychotherapist and

teaches counselling at Oxford Brookes University, is not married and does not live with anyone, but says if he did wish to marry he would first set up home with his future wife. He is proposing that the

Church should separate the two services again. "People could come to church as much as six months or a year ahead and do a formal betrothal. They could then, when they felt ready, go forward to the married state once they had suitably tested their vocation with arrangements set up for

reflection along the way." He says the service could be open to any couple who wished to have their relationship blessed by the Church, including gay and lesbian

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Credo

Why we may need to do less for God

Nigel McCulloch

YEARS ago, when our younger daughter Liz was small, she suffered from St Vitus's dance. Known medically as Sydenham's chorea, this now rare condition mani-fests itself chiefly in being unable to keep still.

ness and St Vitus is obscure. Possibly a 4th-century Sicilian martyr during the persecution of the Roman emperor Diodetian, Vitus is said to have been boiled in oil together with his old nurse. Subsequently associated with various bodily ills. mous with the almost convulsive symptoms of agitated movement which I remember so anxiously observing in my daughter.

Thankfully, Liz has long since made a full recovery. But our society seems itself to have developed a condionce suffered, namely, the inability to be still.

The ceaseless round of activity, and consequent stress, which so characterises life today may well be a significant reason why, for many people. God appears to have little or no acknowledged significance in what they are or do. That is hardly surprising. The style of liv-ing in much of current society militates against any inclination to be reflective. Indeed, much of what we are about seems to be diametrically opposed to the divine command echoed so memorably in Psalm 46: Be still and know that I am God."

Nor, alas, is the Church immune from this lack of stiliness. For example, the present Decade of Evangelism led, especially at first, to a plethora of extra activities. Clergy and their parishes found themselves under an often unbearable pressure to do more.

The astute observation of St Vincent de Paul in the 17th century remains cannily apposite: "It is a trick of the Devil, which he employs to

deceive good souls, to incite them to do more than they are able, in order that they may no longer be able to do anything." Mounting extra events is invariably the antithesis of what is required to bring people closer to an experience of God.

In the history of the Christian Church, there have always been those who have draw apart and wait quietly upon God. For example, St Antony of Egypt, the founder of monasticism (on whose feast day I was born and whose life of extended selfdiscipline and solitude has long intrigued me), spent most of his time praying. studying and doing such manual work as was neces sary to earn his living. He came to know God through the stillness.

Others have spoken of the



addictive dangers of noise and busyness - and how these can block our path to God. Whittier's popular hymn, Dear Lord and Father of mankind, puts the point memorably. Itself written about addiction, the hymn asks that God may drop His still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease; and that He may replace our strains and stresses with ordered lives and the beauty of His peace. An earlier and less famil-

iar verse refers tellingly to a

problem which is at the root of our own modern spiritual malaise. It mentions "Our drawn / The tender whisper of Thy call". Recognition that our words and works. well intentioned though they may be, do often drown His call is crucial to the reawakening and deepening of spirituality that is needed both corporately and individually throughout the Church

All too often - and I suspect this is true for most of us on the Christian way busyness relentlessly takes over. Without recognising the symptoms, we become infected by the disease of

One of my top priorities as bishop is to put time aside to see each one of my parish priests every year - personally to keep in touch and to listen to how things are. In these valuable times together, I recognise in many of them the tensions which so often I face within myself -about getting the balance right between necessary stillness with God and necessary pastoral activity among His

people.
Michael Ramsey, former
Archbishop of Canterbury,
remarked 30 years ago that
there was little enough, amidst the noise even of that time, of the quiet waiting upon God which is at the heart of our religion. He quoted the 13th-century St Dominic's great description of the Christian way. 'Contemplare et contemplata aliis tradere" - to contemplate and to pass on to others the things contemplated. And he asked a question

often too busy for the first? The Right Rev Nigel McCulloch is Bishop of Wakefield and chairman of the Church of England's Mission, Evangelism and Renewal Committee.

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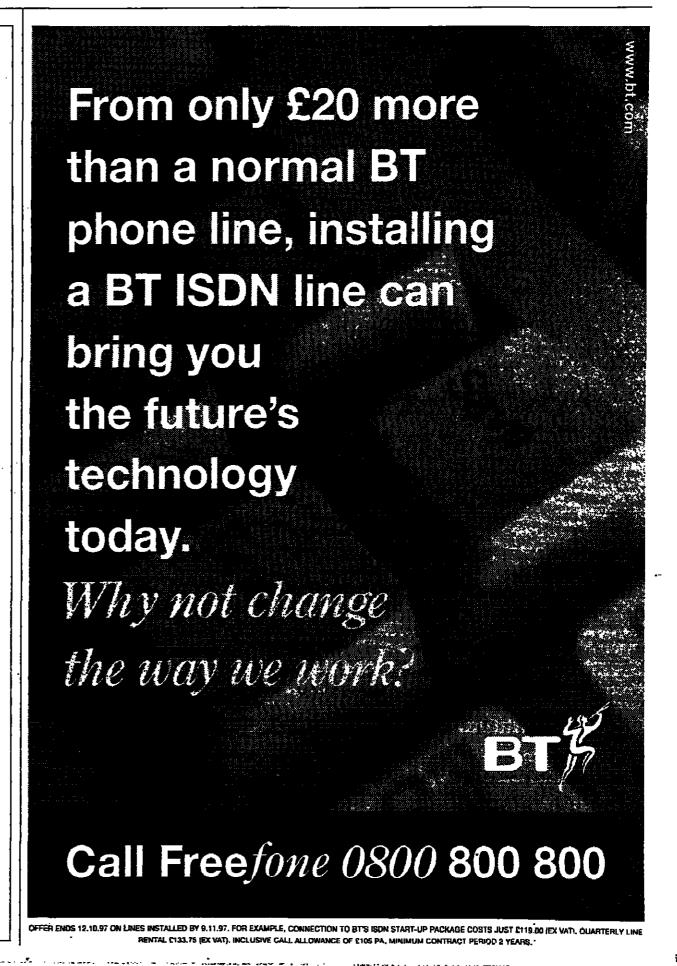
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Write-down of finance leases	(58)		
Profit before tax	1,446	1,130	1,375
Tax	356	372	414
Profit after tax	1,090	758	961
Minority interests	5	68	76
Profit attributable to shareholders	1,085	690	885
Dividends	283	214	478
Earnings per share	20.4p	13.7p	17.5p
Dividends per share	5.3p	4.2p	9.0p

the registrar of companies. The auditors' report on these accounts was unqualified and did not i 237(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 1985.

The interim dividend of 5.3p per share will be paid on 10 October 1997 to shareholders registered on 15 August 1997. Shareholders who have completed a mandare under the share dividend scheme will receive new shares instead of the cash dividend.

Copies of the news release containing full details of the res-





Hamas plot to bomb New York foiled

mas extremists to bomb the New York subway, certain to have caused carnage on a massive scale, has been foiled "less than a day away" from its execution after one of the conspirators underwent a change of heart and disclosed the plans to the police.

The confession led officers to a seedy flat in Brooklyn. where police arrested three men. Two were injured when police opened fire on them as they lunged for what appeared to be explosive devices. The flat was described later as "a

ISRAEL has tightened sec-

urity in public areas across the

country after arresting more than 50 suspected Islamic

extremists in connection with

Reinforcements of soldiers

and police have been sent to

the city, where they patrolled

the central market, the scene

of Wednesday's explosions in which 15 people died, includ-ing the two bombers.

normally crowded with sun-

bathers at weekends, was also

under heavy guard. The Israe-

li arrests came as Binyamin

Netanyahu, the Prime Minis-

ter, stepped up his attacks on

the President of the Palestin-

ian Authority, Yassir Arafat.

'I believe that peace can move

forward only if the Palestinian

Authority and Yassir Arafat

... live up to their obligations

[to stop terrorism]," he said. "I

think the Palestinian Author-

ity has had a very free ride.

Basically the line was what

The Tel Aviv beachfront,

the Jerusalem bombings.

writes Tunku Varadarajan in New York the absence of timers and remote-control detonators has convinced investigators that

The FBI and the New York be an Egyptian Muslim cleric. Police Department, who are handling the case jointly, named the men in the apart-

the men had intended a sui-

Mezer, 23, Lafi Khalil, 22, and Abdul Rahman Mossabah, 31. The first two are Palestinians with Jordanian passports, while the latter is believed to

According to the police state-

ment the men were part of a

gators are now convinced that the men belong to Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, based in the West Bank and Lebanon.

President Clinton yesterday praised police for foiling the alleged plot but said it was too early to draw conclusions. "I think it's important not to

reach conclusions before we have ironclad evidence to support them," he said. "The main thing we need to do is to thank the law enforcement officials for what they did and to to heighten our vigilance."

The Israelis have issued a

warrant for Mr Jabali's arrest,

claiming he personally helped

to organise terrorist attacks

In Gaza City, Mr Jabali held a news conference, where

he said the action was "laugh-

able". He told reporters that

Israeli security forces could

not arrest him because this would contravene the peace accords signed with the Pales-tinians. Mr Jabali declared

that, if Israelis entered Gaza to

search for him, "they will

Mr Arafat was also under

against Jews.

Brooklyn, a key commuting nexus that includes ten subway lines and a Long Island Railroad terminal. Rudolph Giuliani, the Mayor of New York, said one of them had told police that he "supported" the recent bomb-

had intended to target the

Atlantic Avenue station in

gratified that it had occurred". Yesterday full details foiled. Late on Wednesday night a man, waving his

ing in Jerusalem and "was

down a police car. He was hospital, has told investigators screaming in Arabic, and rethat he and his accomplices peatedly uttered the word "bomba" as he made gestures to mimic an explosion.

The man, named as Mohammed Chindluri, was questioned by police through an interpreter. "My room-mates are going to follow up on Jerusalem," he is alleged to have said. Police cordoned off the four-storey building in which Mr Chindluri's co-conspirators were asleep and evacuated buildings nearby, waking up startled residents.

They burst into the apartment

where the men lived. Two of them appeared to reach for explosive devices, and police opened fire, wounding them.

The third man was unhurt.
Officers combing the apartment found pipes packed with explosives and nails, wrapped together and equipped with "toggle-switch" detonators. However, they did not find any remote-control devices or

Howard Safir, the New York police commissioner. said that the material in each of the five bombs was powerful enough to kill anyone within 25ft of the detonation

aborted plot has served as a grisly reminder of New York's extreme vulnerability in the face of a terrorist attack, exposed so spectacularly in February 1993 when a bomb exploded beneath the World Trade Centre, killing six

It has also raised alarming questions about the preparedness of the city's police. The plot caught them totally unawares, and was foiled only as an apparent stroke of good fortune. There was no evidence yesterday of any additional security on the subway.

Arrested man 'went to US in search of better life'

By Ross DUNN

NEW YORK police raiding the bomb plot suspects' apartment found a Jordanian passport in Gazi Ibrahim Abu Mezer's possession and an application for asylum in the United States, claiming he had been arrested in Israel as being a member of a known terrorist organisation". This was apparently a reference to his detention for 15 days in 1990, allegedly for throwing stones during the intifada.

However, in Hebron relatives and friends of the arrested man claimed he had no religious or political affili-ations and had been wrongly accused. The man's brother, Noor, said Gazi had left the town four years ago to find a better life in the United States. "It's impossible my brother that," he said. "He's a nonviolent person and a person who loves peace.

Noor said his brother first went to Canada. After taking a course in English, he moved to the United States and recently told his family he was going to marry his American

"My brother ... used to say that [Americans] are nice people and lovely hospitable people, and he was going to marry one of them. How he can harm them?"-

"plan to target US and Jewish interests worldwide". More than 50 arrested in Israeli hunt for terrorists

Only an apparent change of heart by a room-mate averted an alleged terror raid

by Islamic militants on the subway,

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

they do is okay, and the

But Mr Arafat's adviser on Israeli affairs, Dr Ahmed Tībi. said Mr Netanyahu's reaction was too severe, considering the assistance that the Palestinian Authority had given in fighting terrorism. He said

so either. "Arafat, too, is not omnipotent, just as Netanyahu isn't," he said.

The Palestinian Authority has made arrests since the bombing, including at least one man believed to be a senior figure in Hamas, the militant Islamic Resistance Movement, reported to be

6 Arafat is not omnipotent: neither is Netanyahu. Not even the United States can eliminate terrorism ?

Israel's imposition of a series of sanctions was tantamount to an attempt to crush the Palestinian leadership and to demanding the surrender of the Palestinian people. Not even the United States could eliminate terrorism. Dr Tibi said, and when Israel had total control of the West Bank and Gaza Strip it could not do

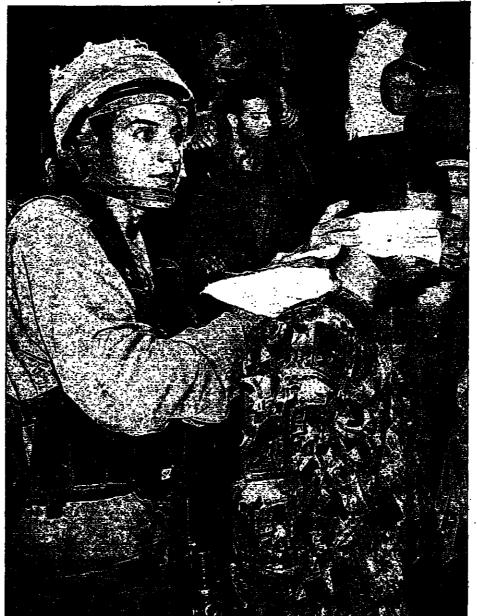
far the Israelis have restricted their raids to areas under their police chief, Ghazi Jabali, warned them not to take the security sweep too far. He said that, if the crackdown extended into the Palestinian selfrule areas as threatened, "that

would mean war".

pressure from his own people to clean up the Palestinian Authority's administration. The Palestinian Legislative responsible for the blasts. So Council has given him a month to dissolve his Cabinet. Palestinian lawmakers said the 88-member council voted 56-1 to urge Mr Arafat to

appoint a new Cabinet with "qualified and experienced members by September". It has recommended that at least two ministers, the Minister of Planning, Nabil Shaath, and the Minister of Civil Affairs, Jamil Tarifi, stand trial for corruption and mis-use of public funds. Both men have threatened lawsuits over

the allegations. The council launched an inquiry after an official auditor's report found that members of the Palestinian Authority had squandered \$320 million (E203 million) in public funds last year.



An Israeli soldier blindfolds one of the Palestinians arrested in the West Bank

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Albright to take new role in peace process

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, is expected to jettison her low-profile approach to Middle East peace and make a quick trip

to the region.

The plan emerged yester-day after a top-level strategy session at the White House in response to Wednesday's suicide bombings in Jerusalem. She ruled out a visit next week, deciding Israel needed time to mourn.

In his State of the Union address 18 months ago, Mr Clinton bragged about his Administration's successes as a mediator in the Middle East, calling the United States "the world's very best

But since last spring, when peace talks collapsed, the Administration has allowed a vacuum to develop by withdrawing from its earlier stance of speaking out on the issue and badgering both sides to continue negotiating. Washington officials claim to have been working quietly out of the spotlight, but if so they have little to show for it.

Critics suspect the Israelis and Palestinians have been left too much to their own The advent of the hardline Likud coalition under Binvamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, has certainly complicated Washington's

role. Peace negotiations ran smoother under the Labour governments of the late

Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon White House officials have been saying since the bomb-ings that third countries can only help so much.

We cannot do for the parties what they must do for themselves, which is reconcile their differences," said Michael McCurry, the White House press secretary. For all that, the Americans seem ready to try again.



Genius or pain in the neck? Bryan Appleyard on the mayerick director



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Choice of envoy sparks Mexican stand-off

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON has never seen a fight quite like it. On one side is William Weld, a moderate Republican who has been nominated by President Clinton man 'wo as US Ambassador to Mexico. On the other is another Republican, the crusty Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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On the face of it, Repub-licans should be delighted that one of them has been chosen by a Democratic President to represent the country in a sensitive post, But that reasoning does not take into account the stubborn ways of Mr Helms who not only objects to Mir Weld but has refused to let his committee even consider the nomination, thus preventing the full Senate from voting on it.

The blue-blooded Mr Weld is not one to take such a snub lightly. This week he resigned as Governor of Massachusetts and set off to teach the

capital a thing or two. By yesterday Mr Helms was still ahead on points. Mr Weld strode the halls of Congress seeking support, but it was sparse. In a jocular tone he told an attendant claque of reporters that his campaign for the Mexican ambassadorship "could be a land war or an air war. This prompted Trent Lott, leader of the Senate Republicans, to observe that diplomats were supposed to stop fights, not start them, adding that the nomination struck him as

'flaky". Mr Helms's stated objection is that Mr Weld is a wimp because he favours medicinal use of marijuana and clean-necdle exchanges for drug addicts. In fact, far deeper sociological and ideological fault lines separate the pair, pitting the libertarian Mr Weld against the reacionary My Helms

"I don't think Mr Weld is ambassador quality." said Mr Helms, Mr Weld, who is pro-choice on abortion and favours gay rights, responded: "I'm not Senator Helms's kind of Republican because 'I don't pass his limous test on social policy. Nor do 1 want to." According to Mr Helms, the only way Mr Weld will get to Mexico is



Helms and Weld: they are locked in a brawl

College teaches no blacks after end of quota

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

AS A controversial han on admissions quotas for ethnic minorities goes into effect for the first time, none of the 196 black applicants for places at a leading Californian medical school has been accepted. A year after Californians

voted to end "affirmative action" policies that lowered university entrance standards for blacks and latinos, the stark result at the University of California's San Diego medical school has left its dean "deeply concerned".

"Opponents of affirmative action may argue that we have lowered the bar for some of these students in the past, but the standards once they're here are no different. We're tough," Dr Robert Resnick

The zero acceptance rate for blacks at the San Diego faculty this year follows seven acceptances last year and 11 in 1996, with enrolment of blacks and latinos also sharply down at other University of Califor-nia - campuses in Orange County and in San Francisco.

Defenders of affirmative action have expressed alarm over what they claim are shrinking educational opportunities for ethnic minorities, and over the prospect of too few doctors in California's inner-city blackspots, such as South-Central Los Angeles, where whites seldom tread.

Where in the world are whitel medical students going to learn about the practices, the culture and the beliefs of minority communities to give them the sensitivity they need the way ready, of the

Association of American Medical Colleges, asked in the Los Angeles Times, adding that racial diversity among doctors was vital for proper health-

It is precisely such rhetoric that fuelled last year's successful campaign for Proposition 209, however, which outlawed race-based affirmative action policies in California and has become a model for proposed legislation on Capitol Hill and in other states.

"angry white men" on crowning achievement of the civil rights movement. Proposition 209 swept into the mainstream with a well-funded campaign led by a black businessman. Ward Connerly, who argued that affirmative action made officials focus on skin colour, not merit, and was a case of political correctness gone too far. The collapse in blacks' admissions in San Diego shows "that race clearly has been a huge factor" in past years, a colleague of Mr Connerty said yesterday. "Clearly there's some hard work that needs to be done to get certain groups of kids better prepared."

That work appears already under way. A separate report published this week showed that nationally the high school drop-out rate among black American teenagers has dropped by nearly half to 12 per cent — only slightly above the level for whites — over the past 25 years. For Hispanics the drop-out rate is stuck at a woefully high 30 per cent.

Tibetan monks forced to recant

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

are being forced by armed officials to denounce the Dalai Lama in a campaign reminis-cent of the Cultural Revolution. According to a report issued yesterday by the London based Tibet Information Network and confirmed by travellers passing through Hong Kong, political re-edu-cation teams, which include armed men, are forcing monks to give "correct" answers to 24 questions supplied by Li Ruihuan, a member of the Supreme Politburo Stand-

ing Committee.
These include: "the Dalai Lama is the head of the serpent" of the "separatist organisation conspiring for

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MONKS and nuns in Tibet independence in Tibet; "the root cause of social instability in Tibet, and the biggest obstacle to the establishment of normal order in Tibetan Tibetan monks and nuns are reported to have fled to Nepal and India.

The campaign is part of a "strike hard" drive aimed at "separatists" in Tibet and in Xmjiang, where Muslims have violently attacked

Chinese. In some monasteries, where the re-education teams have been active for up to three months, monks have protested and in some cases walked out of the sessions. Monks closed one monastery.



A traditional Japanese wife, above, adores her husband and cuts his toenails

Japanese wives take small step out of kitchen

By Joanna Pitman

across Japan will be casting anxious glances from behind newspapers this morning as their wives cook, serve breakfast and wash up for the household patriarch, then kneel down to cut his toenails and clean out his ears.

They will have been unsettled by a Tokyo court which yesterday ruled in favour of a 33-year-old woman who divorced her husband after he demanded that she should do all the cooking, cleaning and laundry, even though she holds a full-time job.

The husband, 35, a public servant, filed a lawsuit demanding that his wife should pay 4.5 million yen (\$23,000) in damages for refusing to live with him soon after their marriage and for ultimately divorcing him. The court turned down the husband's demand for damages, but ordered the wife to return a l million yen betrothal gift and

her wedding ring.

The ruling is the first of its kind, and should give Japanese wives a few good ideas for improving their lowly lot

Japanese society is still very traditional and the standard ssumption, which goes back hundreds of years and is held by both sexes, is that the primary purpose of a woman's life is to take care of her man and rear his sons. The revered scholar Kaibara Ekiken wrote in the 18th

MILLIONS of husbands century that "a woman must regard her husband as her lord and serve him with all the reverence and all the adoration of which she is capable. The chief duty of the woman, her duty throughout life, is to obey."

Even as late as the 20th century, the novelist Natsume Soseki's first words to his prospective bride in an arranged marriage were brief: I am an intellectual and have no time to trouble myself with

you. Do what I say."
Today, Japanese women no longer walk ten paces behind their men, but they still have a lot of catching up to do. Sexual differentiations are encoded in the language. The familiar word for wife means inside the house". The written ideograph for man depicts "power in the field", and for women, "womb".

From an early age. Japanese women are trained to defer to men. to speak in cute squeaky voices, to cover up their mouths when they laugh, and to cultivate a submissive personality that will give subtle boosts to the male ego.

Women belong at home that is Japanese orthodoxy. But it is not reality. Since the 1960s, the number of working women has grown to almost one half of the workforce, and half of all married women work. Only a tiny proportion of women, however, hold managerial posts.

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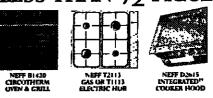
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Faulkner: a private man who did not encourage public tributes from his home town

The statue and the fury Itenary tribute Taulkner leads

Centenary tribute for Faulkner leads to angry exchanges between family and former mayor

FROM BRONWEN MADDOY IN OMFORD, MISSISSIPPI

THE tiny Mississippi town of Oxford hopes to celebrate next month the 100th anniversary of the birth of William Faulkner, its most famous resident. and the man many call the greatest American writer of the 30th century. But a row over his statue, setting the Faulkner family against the former mayor, threatens to

scupper the ceremony.

Jimmy Faulkner, 74, nephew of the writer, says the dozen members of the family will not plan an anniversary party until the fate of the statue is decided. If they lose their fight to have it built at Rowan Oak, Faulkner's plantation home, he says: "We'll all stay home."

The row has come as something of an emburrassment to Oxford, given the scale of



Oxford's city hall: Faulkner's family is outraged at proposed site for a statue

September 25 centenary. France, where Faulkner is probably most adored outside the United States, is planning to unveil a plaque in the Luxembourg Gardens in Paris. This week a record number of academics and Faulkner fans, many of whom know his page-long sentences by heart, braved Oxford's 113F (45C) heat for the annual conference in his memory. Faulkner, who died in 1962, did not encourage

international interest in the public tributes from his home town, nor did he receive many. Oxford was ambivalent about his portrait of the decaying South and its hidden violence, racism and incest. So was the University of Mississippi. known as "Ole Miss", which dominates the town, and which has only recently lost its image as a fortress of Southern prejudice.

With Oxford now thriving from 15,000 literary pilgrims a year, its doubts have given

way to possessiveness. The former mayor, John Leslie, an Anglophile who has kitted out Oxford's streets with a London double-decker bus and red telephone booth, decided that a fitting memorial was needed. He commissioned a \$50,000 statue (£30,000), half

funded by the town, to go up in the City Hall in Oxford's picturesque central square, despite the protests of the Faulkner family, who said the writer, an intensely private now, it languish ry in Memphis. the ending Faulkner family, who said the writer.

doctor, might retain rights to the statue's reproduction and could sell miniatures at a profit. The row exploded when, without planning per-mission. City Hall crews chopped down the ancient magnolia by the hall's steps to make way for the statue. Concrete was poured for the plinth late on a Friday afterinoon, after city officials has gone home. "It was like a male dog at a fire hydrant — he was just determined to leave his mark." one resident remarked

this week. Mr Leslie, whose 24-year reign as mayor ended three weeks ago, says he is not aware of the statue being an issue" in the recent elections. But his successor, Patricia Lamar, who says Faulkner makes us proud", believes the row was "the last little thing" that put her in City Hall.

Mrs Lamar has called on the state attorney-general to pronounce on the ownership and location of the statue. For now, it languishes in a foundry in Memphis. That might be the ending Faulkner would

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Clinton sex case subpoena angers woman 'victim'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

who claims that she was sexually harassed by President Clinton when he was Governor of Arkansas, have subpoenaed a woman who used to work in the White House. But a lawyer for the woman. Kathleen Willey, said vesterday she was "outraged" to have been pulled into the case, feeling her privacy had been violated.

She did not have any information that would be relevant to Mrs Jones's

complaint.
Mrs Willey "had, and continues to have a very good relationship with the President", said the lawyer. Daniel Gecker, who promised to challenge the subpoena. It requires Mrs Willey to appear in Mr Gecker's office on August 14 to answer questions under oath from Mrs Jones's lawyers for a deposition.

American media accounts said Mrs Willey, who worked in two offices at the White House, would be asked about reports that she rebuffed an mproper advance by Mr

Clinton in 1993. Last September Mr Clinton appointed Mrs Willey to the

LAWYERS for Paula Jones, morale-boosting events for the armed forces. She and her husband, Edward, worked in the 1992 Clinton campaign and were in Little Rock on election night. A year later Mr Willey committed suicide while under investigation for alleged embezzlement of \$250,000 (£153,000) from

Lawyers for Mrs Jones said that they were trying to show that Mr Clinton engaged in a pattern of sexually harassing women while he was Governor and also since he became President. Mr Clinton adamantly denies Mrs Jones's claim that he exposed himself to her in a Little Rock hotel room and asked for oral sex.

His lawyer, Robert Bennett. said the subpoena was an effort by Mrs Jones's lawyers to embarrass the President by planting untrue stories in the press. The Supreme Court ruled in May that Mrs Jones's case can proceed while he is in

Joseph Cammarata, one of her lawyers, said: "We are now gathering evidence. If he grabbed and groped one, and grabbed and groped another and a third, well it might answer the question about

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Vietnam's last emperor dies in exile

Ben Macintyre in Paris looks back on life of a deposed dynastic ruler who swapped politics for pleasure

Vietnam, has died in Paris at 500-tonne steam yacht, ten the age of 83, more than four demestic servants and a diplodecades after he was deposed to begin a life of permanent and luxurious exile in the south of France.

The thirteenth and last monarch of the Nguyen dy-sasty spent the first half of his le as monarch of a country. his ancestors had ruled for four centuries, and the second half as a millionaire playboy on the French Riviera, earning himself the ironic title of the Emperor of Cannes.

Bao Dai ruled Vietnam for

20 years until 1945, and then again as head of state between 1949 and 1955 under French colonial control. He played no role in Vietnamese political affairs thereafter, but in French exile he continued to live on a lavish scale.

A passionate gambler, he was most often to be found at the roulette tables in the Palm Beach Casino in Cannes, where he lost several of the gillions he had acquired during the Indo-China War due to the artificially maintained exchange rate between the Indo-Chinese currency and the

There was enough left in the 1950s, however, to finance a 20-bedroom château near Cannes, another Riviera man-

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BAO DAI, the last emperor of Paris, a fleet of sports cars, a matic staff that once numbered 25 but gradually shrank along with the deposed emperor's political influence. His private plane, equipped with a bar and bath, was a gift from the French Government.

Bao Dai died in a Paris military hospital on Thursday night, Princess Vin Thuy, his widow and French-born second wife, said. A funeral will be held in Paris next Wednesday.

The emperor formally abdicated in 1945 when Ho Chi Minh, attempting to head off the return of French rule after the Japanese wartime occupa-tion, proclaimed the Republic of Vietnam. Bao Dai briefly retained an honorary position as "supreme counsellor" before heading for Hong Kong. In 1949 he returned to

Vietnam and declared the country an anti-communist state under French rule, with himself as head of state Six years later, after the withdrawal of the French with Ho Chi Minh's victory at Dien

deposed in a referendum organised by his own Prime Minister, American-backed General Ngo Dinh Diem. He spent the rest of his life in peaceful and comfortable

Bien Phu, Bao Dai was finally

pursuit of pleasure, including gambling, clay-pigeon shoot-Born Nguyen Vinh Thuy, he ing and racing motorcycles. Bao Dai was born in Hué in October 1913, but raised and educated in France from the age of nine. He formally acceded to the throne at the age of 13, following the death

of his father, the Emperor Khai-Dinh, but did not take up the reins of government until he completed his French education six years later.

On returning to Vietnam, he declared: I have decided to use all my power to make this country evolve and to promote

the path of progress and civilisation." In 1955, soon after being ousted, he said: "I want to go back with a plan of action" - but no such plan

French in manners, culture and tastes, during his exile Bao Dai converted from Bud-

dhism to Roman Catholicism.

but long after moving to France he still cherished impossible hopes of an imperial restoration. The people still need a unifying force and a spiritual head to maintain the mystical spirit that moves

The Emperor Bao Dai in Hanoi. He lived in France after 1955, and as a millionaire playboy was dubbed the "Emperor of Cannes

Skiers return to disaster resort as search goes on

By RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SKIERS yesterday returned to from the avalanche believed to have killed 20 people in the Australian resort.

Four bodies have been located by emergency workers, but only one - that of a man has been recovered. The risk of another disaster is being made worse by a rock the size of a lorry that is resting on a tree and overhanging the site.

Fumes from a ruptured 3,000-litre tank of diesel also. threatened to overcome workers who are using thermal survivors. The chances of finding anyone alive were "infinitesimally small", said derson, the area police

More skiers returned to the slopes yesterday, but those who made it on to the snow found it difficult to concentrate when they were confronted by

the gash left by the landslide as they skied down the slope. "I tried to ski this morning, but I just lost it at about midday," one woman from Canberra said as she stared at the rubble. "I was just going

all over the place." Dour-looking ski instructors went through their paces with the few beginners who bothered to turn up for ski school, sending their pupils cheerlessly down the slope.

In the background, high on a facing slope, rescuers gin-gerly picked their way through the dirt, rocks and twisted metal. Employees of the Thredbo

Alpine Resort were encouraged to smile and behave as normal. Police, counsellors and everyone tell us the best thing to do is just get back to normal as soon as possible. Please, just go to work normally, said a resort memo distributed to staff. But trauma

counsellors were available and staff were urged to use them. "Just because you feel OK today doesn't mean you will tomorrow," the memo

obscurity in the vast Château

took the imperial title Bao Dai,

thority". The rotund and jovial

former emperor, however,

dedicated his life less to up-holding his authority than the

de Thorenc, near Cannes.

About 100 people, some of them relatives of the victims, gathered at Thredbo's sunlit chapel to pray for victims. More than 500 emergency

rescue workers continue to work round the clock in freezing temperatures to search for any sign of life. The police later revealed that many of those still missing could be trapped more than 30ft below concrete slab.

Geologists say the landslide was probably caused by water in the ground, but local authorities have been aware of slippages on the Alpine Way that snakes through Thredbo for many years. One report said that there had been 24 slippages on the road in



Richter: interpretations of Bach were renowned

Richter dies at age of 82

Moscow: Svyatoslav Richter, one of the great classical pianists of the 20th century, He was 82.

Born in Zhitomir, Ukraine, he was already a leading musical figure in Odessa in the 1930s before moving to Moscow. He was renowned for his Bach interpretations as well as those of Prokofiev and Shostakovich. (Reuter)

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Belarus leader cancels visit in feud over TV crew's arrest

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

THE President of Belarus, being behind the move. But feuding with Moscow over his country's arrest of a Russian television crew, yesterday cancelled a visit to Russia, but the Kremlin played down talk of a President Lukashenko

called off his visit to Kaliningrad, the Baltic enclave. after its Governor urged him to delay it because of concern over the crew's arrest. Vasili Dolgolev, the Belarus President's spokesman, accused Kremlin liberals opposed to closer integration between the

two former Soviet states of

Sergei Yasırzhembsky, a Kremlin spokesman, insisted that Leonid Gorbenko, Governor of Kaliningrad, had acted unilaterally, without consulting Moscow. "This incident shows how damaging the

the federal centre," Tass quoted him as saying. Mr Yeltsin and Mr Lukashenko have already exchanged harsh words over the arrest of the television crew on July 26, and the Russian

initiatives of regional leaders

can be when not agreed with

view the union treaty that the two signed in May, if they are not released.

Two members of the crew face up to five years in jail after being charged with illegally crossing the Lithuania-Belarus border. International human rights groups have also called for their release.

But Mr Dolgolev insisted that the law would take its course. "The court will decide [the television crew's] fate," he said. "This is not a matter for Presidents. The border must be inviolable. That is in Rus-

Jobless in France at new peak

Paris: Unemployment in France jumped for the second consecutive month in June to reach a postwar record of 12.6 per cent (Ben Macintyre

The number of jobless rose by 17,400 to 3.13 million, according to official statistics, putting fresh pressure on the Socialist Government to honour jub-creation promises

made during the election.
Lionel Jospin, the Prime
Minister, has said that unemployment is unlikely to begin falling until late next year, but the Government for acting too

Crew rescued

Perth: Twenty-one crew members on a stricken bulk ore carrier in the Indian Ocean were rescued by British Skill, a British tanker, and taken to the nearby Cocos Islands, the Australian Maritime Salety Authority said. The crew abandoned the Panamian-registered Goodwill after it hit a reef and spent most of the night in a lifeboat. "Rescuers had to work in winds of 20 to 25 knots and seas of lOft," David Gray, a safety authority spokesman, said. (AFP)

Adoption inquiry

Bucharest: A wide-ranging investigation has opened into how more than 12,000 Romanian children were illegally sent overseas for adoption in the past seven years. Nicolae Cochinescu, state prosecutor, said only 5,132 of the 17,717 children adopted abroad between August 1, 1990, and June 30, 1997, received the green light from the Roma-nian Adoption Committee as required by law. (AFP)

Duck take-away

Hong Kong: Hong Kong children took gifts of live chickens and ducks to the People's Liberation Army barracks here to celebrate the army's 70th anniversary, but were politely turned away. An officer at the barracks told the group: "We are very touched by the gesture, but we have our rules and we cannot accept your gifts." (Reuter)

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Mistresses of destiny

THE buil-necked Social Democrat, Gerhard Schröder, is now firmly established as Helmut Kohl's number one rival. Opinion polls give him a 60 per cent approval rating compared to 30 per

cent for the Chancellor. Everything he says - urging a delay for the euro or a crackdown on crime and foreigners who deal in drugs earns sympathetic nods from the electorate.

The question then is: who or what can trip up the 53-year-old Prime Minister of Lower Saxony on his road to power? The answer in Herr Schröder's case is women. More specifically, his embittered

by ROGER BOYES Doris. Doris Köpf, a blond magazine journalist, has moved into residence in Hanover along with her cat. Appearances, and discreet opinion sampling, suggest that this

HANOVER FILE

accepted, even by women voters.

Although some of the Chancellor's men - notably his top security adviser - have love children and mistresses, they can hide behind the leader's bulk. The Social Democrats are more exposed and the

arrangement has been broadly

Slingshots of misfortune

EVERY August the so-called Days of Chaos are staged in Hanover. This is the Ascot of the anarchist community, a fixed part of the season. Punks, skinheads and bikers travel to the city and, over a fraught August weekend, wage street warfare with each other. They fire slingshots, hurl petrol bombs and then, as if following an

inner clock, stop the chaos, pack their rucksacks and go home. This year the Days have been outlawed in advance. The hooligans are unlikely to take any notice, but if Gerhard Glogowski, the Social Interior Minister, Democrat messes up the Chaos Days, his political ambitions are likely to be firebombed, too.

win the election the Democrats have to be beyond reproach. That is only one of many lessons learnt from Blair's Tony campaign.

There is trouble then ahead for Herr Schröder, who is now regularly photographed with Doris as he tries to give a normal patina to his living arrangements. There has even been public discussion about the rights and wrongs of keeping the cat out of the bedroom - Gerhard is allergic to cat hair.

this is enraging Frau Schröder, and the divorce - which was proceeding smoothly - seems

to have hit a roadblock.
Yesterday Hillu released a broadside. Her husband, she said. has been cowardly and stands for nothing. He is mean, she says -when she sent vet bills she claims he replied that she should put the dogs to sleep and move to a smaller home. "I keep on thinking that I shouldn't have just dumped his things in the spare room, I should have set them on fire with lawn mower fuel."

But the real power of Frau Schröder is not in the divorce court.



She is a political woman, and until shortly before the marriage col-lapsed Gerhard and Hilly were ic version of Bill and Hillary.

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Democrat ticket and thus: theoretically, be on the same side as her husband.

The regional elections in Lower Saxony are in March 1998. If Herr Schröder wins there by a clear 2 per cent, he will be set fair to take on Helmut Kohl. If on the other hand his wife runs for parliament at the same time, if the divorce becomes Schröder, might end up looking ridiculous. The Social Democrats have done their British homework and know there is nothing more

deadly for a man seeking power.

slopes, in L'Escargot in Kensington, in Paris and latterly on a Mediterranean yacht. This has prompted pseudoscientific inquiry from the press. "How far can friendship go with a married man?" asked one headline this week. But in Hanover they like the idea of the possible union of two little dynasties, the House of Hanover and the

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Volcano stays on the boil

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

A MONTH after a volcano erupted on the Caribbean island of Montserrat, killing at least ten people, more explosions of super-heated rock and gas have showered the British dependency with

The latest blasts were not as strong as last month's and the authorities said there was no immediate threat of another major eruption. Many of the island's IL000 residents have left the 39 sq mile island, while many others are living

in refugee shelters. British officials monitoring the Soufrière Hills volcano said a new dome of rock was steadily forming and added that it was impossible to predict when it might blow again. Britain is considering evacuating the 5,000 or so people remaining on the is-land. About 1,300 have already gone to Britain.

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German fears grow over horse attacks

A SINISTER assailant, almost certainly mentally disturbed. is spreading fear among north German farmsteads by killing, blinding or castrating

horses at night. More than 400 animals have fallen victim to the attacks. Since the turn of the year, 42 horses have been killed or mutilated but the attacks stretch back to 1993.

"He always strikes at the weekend," said Horst Erxleben, 57, a dentist who breeds horses in the village of Wichmannsburg in Lower Saxony. As the police show bafflement, the breeders have taken over the task of running down the culprit. They have

offered a £50,000 reward. Dr Erxleben's horse was an early victim. "At first when I heard the noise I thought it was a deer. But as we called out into the dark, Winnie, the mare, did not respond. Then

we saw her, trying to walk to us on her knees. She bled to death." Since that evening Dr

Erxleben has been trying to co-ordinate the information about the man -- he is assumed to be male and deranged. In the past four weeks the attacker has struck in Göttingen, Osterode, Luchow, Stormarn and Dithmarschen. Three horses were stabbed, one was shot and castrated, and another was lured towards the killer with fodder and then suffocated with a plastic bag.

The phenomenon of horse mutilation is not new: the 1973 play Equus by Peter Schaffer deals with the subject, while in Britain there has been a spate of similar attacks, mostly in the south of England: in June alone, five animals were

mutilated The police are unsure whether the same man is responsible. Early attacks were carried out with a homemade, razor-sharp lance. Many horses had their eyes gouged out. Nowadays pistols. sabres, poison or acid are used. In some instances vengeful neighbours or insurance

cheats may be responsible. But the police are largely powerless. Inspector Helmut Montag of the special equine investigation squad says: The criminal can hear a patrol car coming. All he has to do is take cover behind a bush in the

The maximum sentence for animal torture is two years'

imprisonment. When they get him," says Dr Erxleben bitterly, "he will almost certainly be given a bit of psychotherapy instead of jail. But he won't get off so easily if a breeder gets him

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PROMS CONCERTS This Earth

does not move

raised by the visit of Mark Wigglesworth and his BBC National Orches tra of Wales to a pair of Proms this week, but not all were met. Perhaps they were unreasonably high: although Wiggles, worth has consolidated his cosition as one of this country's most interesting conduc-tors, he set himself a tough challenge by filling Wednesday and Thursday evenings with a London premiere, a concerto, and three very differ-

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Three, that is, if, like Mahler, you regard Das Lied von der Erde as a symphony. In spite of Wigglesworth's Mahlerian credentials, he appeared uncertain of how to shape this symphonic song entity. The earlier songs were beautifully accompanied and full of atmospheric detail, but there was no cohesive link between them, and the long finale was too drawn out even Nor its evocation of eternity. However, it was worth sitting through for Waltraud Meier's singing, poured out in long lines of shining mezzo tone.

Wigglesworth's soft-edged and autumnal account of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony. was unusual but at least consistent. The measured tempos that made the opening sound so fresh grew wearisome where greater tension was needed, and in the finale they also taxed some of those players expected to sustain unreasonably long phrases...

If only he had brought the same relaxed spaciousness to the opening of Sibelius's Symphony the following night. Although the life-and-death struggles of the second move-



shaped impressively, the fina le did not make its full, epic impact. The ruggedness was there, but at times it was also ragged: the orchestra lacked not volume but focus.

Nothing got in the way of the music in Barrok's last work, the Piano Concerto No. 3. Wigglesworth showed real feeling for its blend of individuality and tradition, and he had a clear-minded. virtuosic soloist in Stephen Hough. The first movement was buoyant and full of lyrical freedom; the second, a look into the unknown by a composer on the brink of death, and the strangely exhilarating finale, completed this worthy tribute to a musical giant featured at this year's Proms. With his flair for new music.

Wigglesworth was very persuasive in David Sawer's the greatest happiness principle. It is an arresting score, full of nervous energy. Transparent textures, coloured by winds and percussion, and obsessively repeated rhythmic figures dominate the 15-minute piece, which makes an almost theatrical impact. The title comes from words by the 18thcentury philosopher Jeremy Bentham, whose radical ideas on prison design also inspired the rigid structures of the piece. At one symbolic point near the end the form disintegrates into chaos, but throughout the rest Sawer writes for a large orchestra with meticu-

JOHN ALLISON

Hard day's night

FOUR centuries of music for vocal ensemble were compressed into an hour and a quarter by the King's Singers. who drew a full and enthusiastic audience for a 10pm. Prom. Their smoothly presented repertory, each item given a few words of spoken introduction by one of the six singers, ranged as far back as the loth-century Lassus and Janequin to start the programme, and demonstrated So graphic a piece as

the all-purpose blandness that limits the group's vocal style. Janequin's La Guerre, for instance, cries out for dramatic projection of its vividly descriptive battle scene, where the voices alone evoke the fanfares and other sounds of war, galloping hooves and the like. But these vocal effects were so trimly and even jauntily delivered as to rob them of dramatic character, while the smooth serenity of Lassus, invoking music as the greatest gift, reflected only the group's harmonising skill.

Likewise House of Winter,

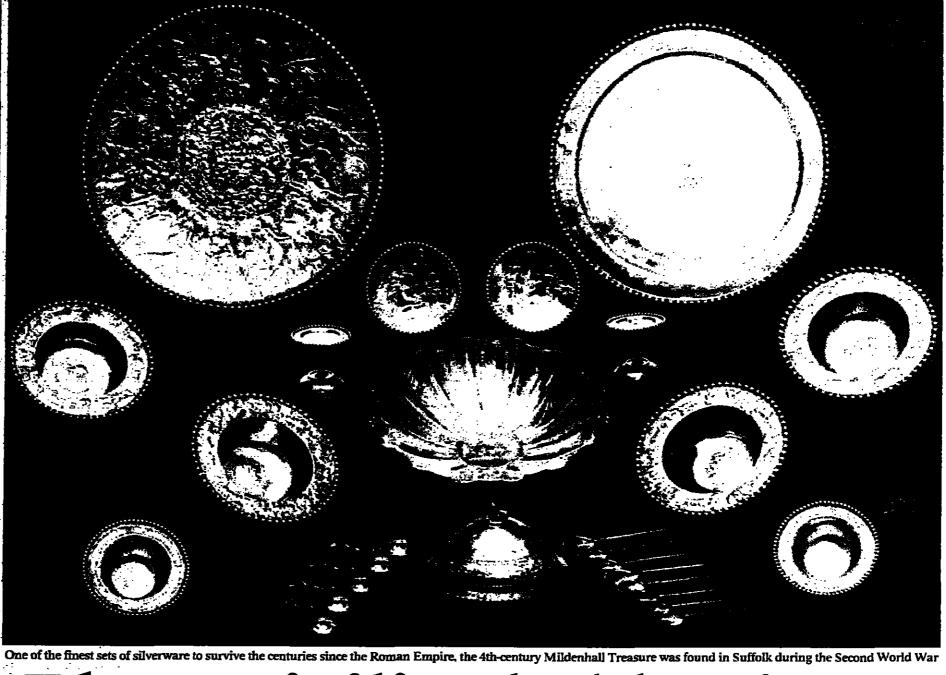
a motet written for them by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies. The voices, sometimes precariously pitched, more successfully captured the frozenstillness of an Orkney winter in the poetry of George-Mackay Brown than the im-

pact of a sudden violent storm, aithough its luminous colour was rightly focused in the blend of tone. They were most engaging

in the corresponding blend and rhythmic poise of three English madrigals by Weelkes, Moriey and Wilbye, although the lovely Weep Mine Eyes by Wilbye sounded more genial than sorrowful. However, the Nonsense Madrigals by Ligeti, also written for the group and heard here as a complete set of six for the first time in London, found the singers engagingly alert to the imaginative fun of the settings of Lewis Carroll and others.

After that the singers sadly. in my opinion, compromised their musical integrity by ending with special arrangements of four Lennon and McCartney songs, products of a catchpenny commercial cult sounding merely sentimental and banal in this context which no amount of sophisticated vocal dressing up could disguise, but which the audi-

NOEL GOODWIN



Those civilised old Britons

A breathtaking display of early treasures at the British Museum

he Hollywood myth that Britons were savages before the Roman conquest and became only marginally more sophisticated after it should at last be dispelled by a wealth of decorated armour, jewellery, sculpture, architectural and other treasures on display, many for the first time, in a series of new galleries at the British Museum.

The galleries offer an unprecedented picture of Britain from 1700 BC, the start of the later Bronze Age, to the departure of the Roman army in AD 410. They indicate how the country was transformed by Roman roads and buildings, and how Britons were inundated with material goods. But Celtic and earlier art and traditions are also seen to survive and influence the Romans.

Misconceptions first arose because until archaeological discoveries The abstract pattern is typical of began to be recorded in the 18th the work of highly accomplished

explodes the myth of our savage ancestors. Alison Beckett reports century, historical knowledge of Brit-British artist-craftsmen. However, ain depended on unreliable Greco-

Roman authors. Julius Caesar, for example, declared British women uncivilised for having many husbands, while exaggerating his own achievements against supposedly fierce and primitive barbarians to disguise the fact that his raids were an illegal private enterprise.

Pre-Roman Britain, however, was far from uncivilised, to judge from treasures such as the Battersea Shield, with its exquisite swirling decoration embellished with bright enamel, which survived perhaps 2,000 years in the Thames before being dredged up last century.

they were derided by their invaders. brought up on figurative design. So the British artists began imitating Classical style, producing souvenirsized statuettes, for example, of gods and goddesses such as those found at Southbroom in Wiltshire — and their scant regard for realism resulted in naive sculptures with more life than

the originals. Most identifiable villas with pools and elaborate mosaics and murals are now known to have been the homes of wealthy Britons, long accustomed to the import of luxury goods such as wine or precious metals, who rapidly adopted Roman fashions of dress and architecture. But the ornateness of a 4th-century barn at Meonstoke in Hampshire, whose facade can be seen for the first time, has still to be explained.

Many such mysteries, however, may relate to the proliferation of religions which were never fully suppressed by Christianity. The spectacular Hoxne hoard of AD 400. containing gold and silver objects and thousands of coins in mint condition, also never shown before, was owned by a Christian aristocrat. according to the decorative symbols. Yet the representations on a belt buckle and finger rings found at Thetford, dated only about ten years earlier, are pagan, honouring the god Faunus; and the state of ecstasy induced in the worship of Bacchus is illustrated superbly on the priceless

collection of silver tableware from In northerly parts of Britain the

Roman influence on pottery, trinkets and other everyday items is slight. But the Roman occupation seems to have been less turbulent than imagined, as demonstrated by segments of more than 200 writing tablets dating from AD 95 to 115 and found at the fort of Vindolanda near Hadrian's Wall, the oldest historical documents known from Britain.

One is from the commander's wife. inviting a friend from another fort to her birthday party, while others hint at wheeling and dealing in the organisation of supplies. British beer is described as costing twice as much as Egyptian, and at Vindolanda the Romans installed a resident brewer called Atrectus to keep the soldiers happy.

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Sounding the last post

WITH his customary care for the Volk he had warped and misled, Hitler refused to let the Germans surrender when they were surrounded and almost weaponless at Stalingrad. He also ordered the destruction of all the papers that emerged from that defeat, including the last letters his soldiers had been allowed to write home.

But copies of some of these were kept by a Nazi official and have now been edited by the Clarion Company's artistic supremo, Matthew Mills, into • Richard Morrison's column returns next week

THEATRE **Last Latters** from Stalingrad Bridewell a sort of recitative of doom.

Chattie Salaman, the director, does what she can to make epistolary angst visual and vivid Old white sacks, bulging with what are presumably letters, lie on the stage. Shreds of paper litter the floor. And out of the debris step men in army greatcoats, their faces swathed in bandages. They are some of the 300,000 Axis troops who were to die at Stalingrad, and these are the missives that were never received by their parents and The piece lasts some 70

minutes: long enough to get over the overall point, which is that the victims of the battle were mostly not strutting Nazis but men with the same feelings you would probably have found on the Allied side under similarly dire circum-stances. One Prussian officer talks of his continuing belief of the "happy resurgence of our homeland" and launches into Wagnerian boasts of the fulfilment he will find in death; but a more typical voice is that of the tank commander who felt obliged to put a hideously burnt Russian soldier out of his misery and can't sleep or stop weeping when he recalls the moment

to be critical of Hitler or, as one puts it. "the man responsible for this". He is the son of a senior officer, and anxious that his surviving family should think hard about the wisdom of the war. One of his comrades berates his own father, a general, for not getting him posted out of the battlefield. The son of a pastor writes that he has looked for God in ratholes and among dead bodies, "but He does not exist in Stalingrad". We hear from a pianist who

has lost his fingers, a would-be

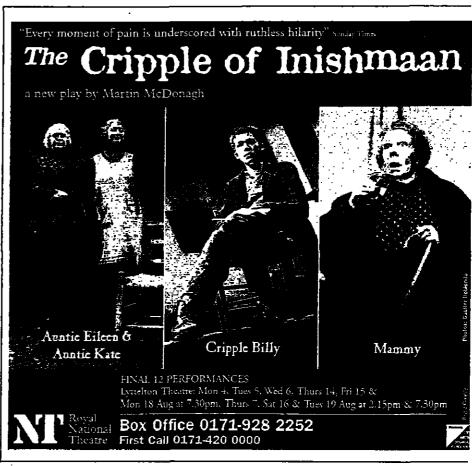
A few correspondents dare

put his suffering and death into perspective, and an actor who cannot face the reality of men without eyes or stomachs. We hear from the disillusioned, the angry and the fatalistic, sometimes via the device of requiring women to read the letters they never actually got while they prepare to do the ironing.

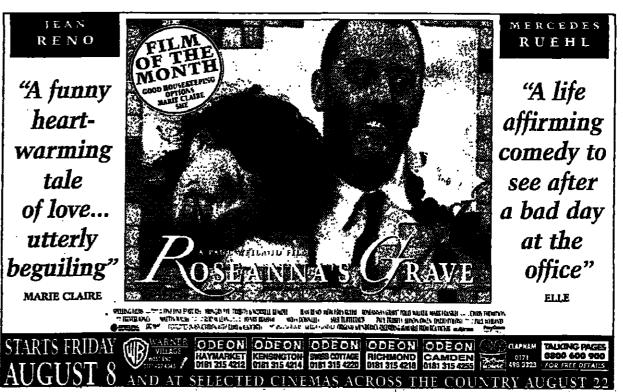
The problem, of course, is keeping the evening theatrically alive. Salaman's fine five-person cast does what it can, diving when gunfire starts, hurling about shredded paper like snowballs, even joshing and laughing. But what holds the attention are the words, which can be disconcertingly moving, even heroic. Who wrote home telling his wife to try to forget him and find herself a good, upright man for her own sake and that of his children? Not one of Churchill's boys, but a German victim of the maniac

> BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**

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Philip Howard



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The last frontier has moved on. Tucson and Dodge City have become genteel retirement colonies. Hadrian's Wall has become a heritage site and, with a few egregious exceptions, the Scots are no longer revolting. Package tours ferry trippers up the Amazon or across the Sahara in the winsome footprints of The English Patient. (Those cowpokes of Hollywood have degenerated into wimpish tenderfeet to vote so many Oscars to that sentimental slop instead of to Secrets and Lies.)

The foothills of the Himalayas are now filthy with bin-liners discarded by trippers. It is possible that lost tribes are still waiting to be found in the wilder suburbs of Papua New Guinea or Tooting. But if you really want to go roaming with a hungry heart after new experiences and lost tribes, the last frontier has become Cyberspace. Our New York correspondent reported this week how the lost tribe of Melungeons, driven ever deeper into the Appalachians by five centuries of encroaching civilisation, have started to rediscover their roots on the Internet. Are they one of the Lost Tribes of Israel, or descendants of Dido and her Carthaginians who escaped from Rome across the Atlantic? The characteristic bumps on the back of their heads are evidently Turkish, and the Melungeons are susceptible to Middle Eastern and Eastern Mediterranean diseases. Why do Cherokee Indians wear turbans? Why do Creeks wear fezzes? And why does your average Melungeon look like Saddam Hussein?

These are puzzling questions, but not beyond all conjecture. And the way to find their answers is no longer up the Nile or beyond Shangri-la. It is on screen. Herodotus, father of history, father of lies, was the first European who could afford to travel out of choice and at leisure. And ever since Herodotus, the inquisitive and romantic have gone on grand tours or safari to explore the world in person. But the secret places have now become so familiar from cruises and package tours and television that the last wilderness is on screen.

And virtual travel can be as testing as the real thing. Abandon hope all ye who press ENTER here. Sir John Mandeville, the 14thcentury travel writer, claimed to have seen the pyramids and also people with no heads but eyes in their shoulders. The virtual traveller of the 21st century, browsing and surfing through databases measureless to man, can find lost tribes and forgotten ancestors. The Mappa Mundi discovered wonders such as the Bonnacon, the ferocious, ox-like creature that deterred its pursuers by artillery defecation at them. The modern digital traveller faces dangers as terrible as the sirocco in information gridlock and web brownouts, when the network slows down because of congestion. Desert tribes used to take to the sandstorm with swords drawn against the killing winds. I just punch the computer. And there are deadlier webs than the tarantula's.

nd when the system crashes, the virtual traveller is marooned in A solipsistic impotence. Herodotus and subsequent real travellers could improvise with a penknife or a credit card. But when the plug is pulled, the new Cyberwilderness is as desolate as the emptiest quarter of the Sahara. Rubbing two sticks together will do no good. The modern traveller has to cope with geek speak rather than pidgin, exec lingo instead of heads and shells, memo slang and logons rather than native bearers. Silicon Valley can be as lonely as the Valley of the Kings, Incomputerate nincomputes may complain that the digital hunt for lost tribes is not as adventurous as the old-fashioned method, with cannibals' cooking pots and vellow Jurassic Park eyes glaring out of the undergrowth across millions of years. But the best travel writing has been done from the armchair. The best travel writers, including Herodotus, have used their imaginations more than their feet. Richard West, in his biography of Daniel Defoe published this week, demonstrates that A Tour Through The Whole Island of Great Britain and Ireland was largely written in Stoke Newington, and that the famous travel book is a voyage through memory and imagination. Software can never replace greyware, in travel, history, the cinema or life.

To tackle religious tensions we need courtesy and firm compromise, not more legislation, says Paul Barker

Religion is a sleeping dogma the British prefer to let doze undisturbed. But every so often it turns round and bites back. This week the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, told a House of Commons select committee that he was examining proposals by the Commission for Racial Equality that "a specific law against incitement to religious hatred should be introduced, and a law against religious discrimination should be given further serious consideration." The commission also said that the law on blasphemy needs to be abolished or to be extended to protect other religions," and not just Chris-

It said all this in a report five years ago. John Major's Government ignored it. If you wonder why the subject has reemerged now, it is worth remembering that the Home Secretary is the MP for Blackburn, where the Muslim vote is very important, and where Salman Rushdie was anathematised locally for publishing The Satanic Verses.

We could be talking about a Rottweiler of a reform. It is one thing to say, rightly, that no one should be penalised for their beliefs (as witness Northern Ireland, a province where religion has always been a lethally serious business). It is quite another thing to give any comfort to the so-called (and unrepresentative) Muslim Parliament. Its spokesman was duly quoted as saying that legal change was long overdue. He hoped it would lead to Mr Rushdie standing trial for incitement

The British, in general, ignore religion. They are as un-churchy a nation as you could find in a month of secularist Sundays. Only about one in three firmly believe in some kind of God. Only six million or so people take part in regular

The law should let sleeping dogmas lie

Christian worship: almost three million fewer than in the 1970s. Church doors are often locked, as if the only likely visitors are vandals. The days are long gone when the Church of England was the Tory party at prayer, while Methodism did the same job for Labour.

And yet, Tony Blair makes much of his Christian social ethic. And within the dough of unbelief, there is a new leaven. The concern about the law is only the latest piece of evidence. Old creeds decline; new creeds rise. There are now as many Mormons as Baptists, and more Muslims than Methodists. Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh Day Adventists go busily about their trade. In South London, old chapels blossom again as African pentecostal churches. Looked at in business terms, the

Commission for Racial Equality was shrewd to eye new territory. Race is, arguably, of diminishing significance. A study from the independent Policy Studies institute found, earlier this year. that "religion [not skin colour] is central to the self-definition of the majority of South Asian people'; and Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis are, as a group, by far the largest ethnic minority in Britain. With this in mind, no doubt, officials are quietly testing a possible religious question for the next decennial census. It would be the first time such a every effort to become part of it, and in question had been put in Great Britain since the mid-19th century, when it was spurred by panic over "invasion" by frish Catholic immigrants.

The majority remains indifferent, for others, religion matters more and more. But does this mean it should acquire special new protection? Change could produce perverse outcomes.

Take blasphemy. Under the present,

moribund law, there has only been one prosecution in the past seventy years. Mary Whitehouse nailed Gay News in 1977, for printing a poem that claimed Christ on the Cross felt masochistic love for a Roman soldier. Ever since Milton's fiercely anti-censorship arguments in the Areopagitica, the right to publish what you want has been hard fought This is scarcely the time to turn back. One price of living in a plural society is that everyone has to put up with state-ments that offend them, without resorting to violence or the law.

Some creeds, and Islam is one, find it hard to adjust to being just one set of beliefs among many. But, as Professor Bikhu Parekh pointed out in the policy institute's study, the wider community in Britain "is rightly entitled to expect that its immigrants, who have chosen to come and settle in its midst, would make

that sense identify with it. The blasphemy law, though illogical and useless, is best left to fade into a dead cinder. To stir the embers will help no one.

B lasphemy law is concerned with various forms of attack on religion as such. But a law against incitement to religious hatred would be aimed at anyone stirring up anger against people identified purely by their religion. There is, in fact, such a law on the statute book already, but it only applies to Northern Ireland. It has hardly ever been used, let alone successfully. This is not a good precedent for enlarging its geographical scope. As for religious discrimination, a House of Lords ruling permits much of this m be tackled, under existing law, as indirect racial discrimination. Need we go

It is right, of course, that all opportu-nities should be equally open to everyone. In religion, as over censorship, this has been a long-fought battle. The Test Acts, discriminating against Catholics, Jews and Nonconformists who sought public office, were eventually abolished. But the obstacles to acquiring university education were not removed till 1871. It is also right that all racial assaults should

be vigorously pursued (though here, too, I doubt if a new law will help; does anyone think that, for example, Stephen Lawrence's killers escaped because the

law wasn't tough enough?].

But, beyond this, we need a firm but mutually courteous process of compro-mise. In France, the desire of Muslim girls to wear scarves at school has caused a deep educational crisis. It is seen as an attack on the republican concept of lay schooling. Here, we have cleared that hurdle. R. A. Butler's celebrated 1944 Education Act was, among other things, a successful attempt to bring religious schools (Roman Catholic and Anglican) into the state system. Islamic schools can tread the same path.

New mosques are rising in many cities. But, as the row over a minaret in Oxford shows, minorities need to show tact, perhaps even more than majorities. The 19th-century Jewish immigration was a model example of this. Retrospectively, that attempt to be always more British than the British had its comic side. But it avoided, as it was meant to, any accusation of "dual loyalty".

Judaism is not a proselytising religion. For other creeds, it is important to remember that the natives may not take kindly to missionaries. "Britain," in Bikhu Parekh's words, "aiready has better anti-discrimination legislation than other European countries." There is a limit to what you can do by law. Behaviour is a slippery beast; hard to trap or to tempt to new haunts. But sometimes, you just have to accept the slowness of things. The law should not rush in. Some things are best left to the

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Dumbing down at the Tate

en white rooms are filled with large cutout shapes. They are in primary colours, some triangular, some curved, some rhomboid. Most are placed on the walls, some on the floor. One is simply a sheet of weathering steel". Try as I do, I find it impossible to linger more than 15 minutes in these rooms. Entry costs £5 and the 335-page catalogue is £25. Money is not returned to dissatisfied

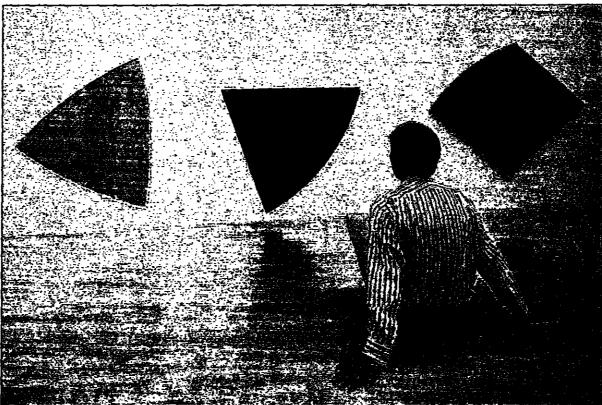
The Ellsworth Kelly retrospective in London is the Tate Gallery's summer spectacular, joined this week by a large Mondrian show in adjacent rooms. The critics have treated both to a feast of superlatives. To the Telegraph's Richard Dorment, Kelly's work is a "long and arduous search for pure beauty ... a quest for a higher spiritual or moral truth". To Richard Cork of The Times, Kelly is "chaste ... austere ... sensual ... tough ... brooding". Even Brian Sewell of the Standard, no softy on modern art, writes of an "intense,

luminous, vibrant" voluptuousness. Once again I set out to do justice to an art that leaves me emotionally cold and intellectually baffled. Honest people, whose views I respect, find these paintings moving. They spend time with ss aesthetic, moral, ever spiritual uplift. So come on, Jenkins, make an effort. You know what you see, lines, colours and shapes. What is it that others see that so escapes you?

I am an ardent consumer of art. It does not move me to tears, as can music. But I visit galleries of all persuasions and love them. I am prepared to test my sensibility on severed heads, piles of rags and heaps of dung. If I am wary of being conned, it is not for want of taking risks. When I walked out of a concert at the Institute for Contemporary Art, after listening for ten minutes to a single note on a synthesiser, it was only after realising that I was the victim of an Arts Council three-card trick.

So what did I make of the Tate's abstract lestspiel? Any national gallery is right to celebrate works of art of historical interest. Mondrian and Kelly clearly have intellectual appeal. But passion? I felt no more than a mild tingle at strident colours in so much white space. They might merit Sewell's voluptuousness. The lines and curves have rhythm. When set alongside rhomboids, they suggest depth and movement. There is also serenity in every shrine. The Cistercians stripped their rooms of content, the better to contemplate the metaphysical. But they were not nihilists. They filled their spaces with ritual. Once one gets used to the colours, Kelly's spaces become boring.

Exhibitions of Mondrian and Kelly may have attracted critical praise, but where is the passion in their abstract art?



"People find these paintings moving, they spend time with them and profess aesthetic, moral, even spiritual uplift"

Am I therefore too easily bored, unwilling to wait for some psychedelic experience? I turn for guidance to the psalter of this church, the catalogue. It tells me that, no, I am to accept the paintings for what they are. They arise partly from a rediscovery of the aesthetics of Plato", that "the highest beauty is to be found in geometric forms". Abstractionism is "an idealising and sometimes quasi-mystical desire to free art from the material world to represent the pure, the ordered, the spiritual." Kelly himself asks us to "turn off the mind and look only with eyes" such that "everything becomes abstract". Like Frank Stella, he wants us to see "only what we see". He "does not use colour to define form but to itself become form".

Some of this makes sense, but only just. The Cubists brought abstract shape to the task of artistic representation, and the Impressionists brought abstract colour. (See the superb Seurat show at the National Gallery.) The masters of

the Renaissance used geometry as a compositional tool. Conversely, the American scholar Edward Tufte has shown how applying aesthetic standards to graphs and charts enhances their meaning. Rorschach and

Simon Jenkins

Mandelbrot applied pictorial principles to psychology and mathematics. I admit more. Art must shock with novelty. All modern artists, as they grow older, strain to escape the discipline of representing nature, as if bored with life.

Kelly wrote how abstraction offered him

"a new freedom: there was no longer the need to compose." Offered a big enough cheque, many artists would say amen to that. This is understandable, if not admirable.

All such struggle was to a purpose. What abstraction does is to deny purpose. When Kelly asks us to turn off. our minds he is merely leaving the room. To use current jargon, such art is the ultimate "dumbing down". The catalogue protests that, to Kelly, "sug-gestions of depth, hints of perspective, evocations of atmosphere, all these were faults inherited from painting, errors to be expunged so that art could progress". Kelly's art offers "a personal autonomy engaged with the world but disinclined to capitulate to any of the forces encountered there. I really do not know

Kelly and his circle certainly lead the lifestyle of artists, not interior decorators. They are dedicated to a vocation which requires great hardship. They

even started out in the representational realm. Mondrian's early works are mournful landscapes. Kelly could sketch portraits, though not so as to justify the catalogue's reverence. Yet late Mondrians look like plans for microcircuits or Japanese screens. To the art historian Robert Hughes, he was "one of the supreme artists of the 20th century". But he never explains why. There must be something here beyond neatness and prettiness, and a restless search for a

unique selling proposition.

Both Mondrian and Kelly disappear behind the veil of abstraction, as if in retreat from their own talent. I sense two ageing pianists playing to themselves, first one hand, then one finger, then one note. All artists are vulnerable to the terrible critique, "His early work was his best". These have found refuge only in a minimalism that defies such criticism. An artist who needs 80 pages of flowery catalogue prose to explain his work must have something to hide.
The true achievement of abstraction is

to be uncriticisable. A bad Kelly is as meaningless as a fake one. Even the hanging of the Kelly show is beyond comment, since Kelly did it. The hanging is the art. The painting is the frame. All comprehension lies in the NOT 8 CITECAL read that is adverse, for fear that the whole abstractionist pack of cards might collapse. In consequence, the true artist is the doorman who decides what goes to the gallery and what to the bin. But say that to a modern curator and you are

what psychoanalysts call "in denial". I am sure there is perfection in a curve, in a pure upper-C, in a Dulux colour chart or, for that matter, in a onesentence Sun editorial. These things can be done well, but not very well. Art is the product of words, notes, colours, shapes, but they are tools. I refuse to accord them exalted cultural status just because their users demand it.

Of course I can pack up and admit that Kelly and Mondrian are above me. I can accept that they are members of a religious sect whose hierarchs worship relics, sanctify charlatans and sell indulgences. Their exhibitions are a private Mass from which my lack of faith excludes me. Criticism is not debate but anathema. Sorry, they may say, but you are aesthetically challenged. Please leave the building.

I will not buy this. I thrill to novelty in other arts. New plays, films or novels are hugely stimulating. So is much new art and architecture. In short, I am back where I began. The emperor still has no clothes, the courtiers are still cheering and I am still left pointing at his privates.

Tories united

END of term at Westminster saw the wedding yesterday of Julie Kirkbride, Tory MP for Bromsgrove, and Andrew MacKay, Tory MP for Bracknell. It was an unashamedly political affair. The blessing was held in the crypt chapel beneath the House of Commons and was followed by a reception on the terrace.

William Hague, the Tory leader,

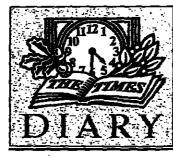


"Mr Heston seems to be here already. Your Majesty spoke for the guests and advised those in need of presents for the couple to head for Randall's of Uxbridge, the store owned by John Randall, the Tory victor in Thursday's by-election. His speech was acclaimed by those present as the funniest they had ever heard from

An air of menace was lent to the ushering by three Tory whips who worked with MacKay before their recent election defeats: a burly lineup of Derek Conway, Andrew Mitchell and Roger Knapman. Kirkbride and Mackay made their getaway in a Bentley lent to

them by Greg Knight, the former Tory whip who also lost his seat at the election but has the consolation of a small fleet of classic cars. He had said the couple could use any one of them. MacKay had wanted a sporty Allard coupé. It took Mrs Knight, however, to make

the point that although natty. the Allard was extremely impractical. When the men folded their arms and refused to believe her, she dug out her wedding dress, which was

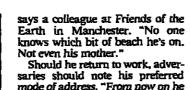


sauceze into the extremely tight space beside her. Her point proved, MacKay went for the more spacious Bentley, which had been Miss Kirkbride's choice all along.

• Over on Blackfriars Bridge, the word has gone out that The Express wants to employ a poet. The plan is to have a sort of poet laureate on call at all times to write a few lines on events of great importance. Anyone interested should submit examples of their work to the Editor, Richard Addis.

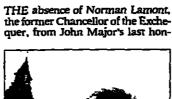
Dunmoling

EXHAUSTED by his environmental tunnelling, Swampy, the husimilar to the one Miss Kirkbride man mole, has gone to the Devon was to wear, put it on, climbed into coast for a summer holiday. "He is the car and invited MacKay to fed up with all the press attention."



says his spokeswoman. "He is fed up with Swampy." No Norman

wants to be called Daniel Hopper,





Lamont peerage promised

ours list will not be of too much concern to the man himself. Lamont, who is without a parliamentary seat or apparent work, is said to have been told by William Hague that he can have a peerage from him whenever he wants.

Hague's loyalty goes back to the days when he served as Chancellor Lamont's parliamentary private secretary, a relationship that established the closest of bonds.

 New Labour's efforts to blend so-cialism and Thatcherism reaches a nadir in the latest issue of Good Housekeeping, in which David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, is interviewed. "We've got to make your readers feel they never again have to buy private education." he says."They can spend the money on a holiday instead."

Black day

BEREFT, tearful and all in black, the cast of Vogue magazine gathered at the village of Piddinghoe in Sussex yesterday to scatter the ashes of their contributing editor, Lesley Cunliffe. Before her death in March, Cunliffe, 51, left instructions that she should be remem-

bered with a picnic. More than 100 colleagues and friends obliged yesterday, clutch-



Paltrow and Pitt since their split, Brad has cut a lonely figure

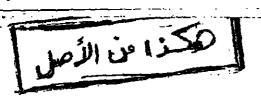
ing their hats in the blustery show-ers and sipping an alfresco glass of champagne before departing by train to London to continue the party in Kensington Square. "It's such a lovely idea," said one of those left behind in Vogue's Mayfair offices yesterday. "Lesley always said that dying could be fun."

Pitt-iful

YESTERDAY morning an energetic friend set off for a jog around Central Park in New York at 6.30am. There, on a bench near the entrance to the park, was a dishev-

elled-looking blond man looking like a hobo. Off went the friend on her jog - but something about him nagged at her. He had moved to a ... more visible slump by the time she passed again, and beside him was a mounting pile of cigarette butts. It was Brad Pitt, movie star.

Pitt, who recently separated from his long-term girlinend, the actress Gwyneth Paltrow, has been feeling sorry for himself. Red-eyed, greyskinned and alone in the early. morning, the boy needs someone to take him in hand.





END-OF-TERM REPORT

A good start, but marks are likely to fall,

Tony Blair's first three months in office have confounded almost all expectations. He warned us not to expect a dazzling first 100 days, yet voters are still shading their eyes. Those who worried before the election that he would be too cautious are now surprised at his radicalism. Yet many Conservatives are relieved that he is, after all, no secret socialist. And the cynical who thought that nothing would change whichever party was elected have found that the country actually feels quite different now.

That is not to say that Labour's record so far is one of unmittigated success. There have been ill-judged attempts to intervene where government has no jurisdiction - such as the affair of the Camelot directors' bonuses. The Budget was conceived in haste and had to be amended in haste too. The sagas of Mohammad Sarwar, Robert Wareing and the Doncaster Labour Party show that no party is immune from sleaze. And the failure to sort out Lord Simon's shareholdings is a problem still unresolved.

But the British, for the moment, are in a forgiving mood. If a change is as good as a rest, a new Government after 18 years of the old is a truly refreshing experience. Mr Blair has even succeeded in making politics fashionable. The glitterati who trooped through the doors of Downing Street earlier this week would never have turned out in such numbers for John Major. Nor, probably,

would he have enjoyed their company.

But, despite a continuing opinion poll lead of 34 points, unprecedented for a governing party, the first small cloud has passed over the sun. Labour might not have banked on winning the Uxbridge by-election from the Tories, but it did not expect the Conservative majority to increase by 3,000 votes. The Tories out-Liberalled the Liberals, running a campaign that focused solely on local issues and made much of the local credentials of their candidate. The result was that the Lib Dem vote shrank by two-thirds, and the prickliness of her successor.

non-local Labour candidate failed to make headway.

If the voters of Uxbridge were sending a message to Mr Blair, it was one not of policy but of style. They did not appreciate having a candidate imposed upon them, when they had a perfectly good local man already. Labour's central direction, which helped it to win the election and has so far ensured strong and confident government, threatens also to become its weakness. Voters may soon tire of this overcontrolling administration; and so could ministers and journalists. who resent being treated like naughty schoolchildren. When the backlash comes, which it must do sooner or later, this

obsession with control will irritate us most.

So, just as the Prime Minister prepared for Government, he would do well now to start preparing for adversity. If "Things Can Only Get Better was the theme tune of Labour's campaign, "Things Can Only Get Worse" should be the warning motif of the next two years. Although Mr Blair, Gordon Brown and David Blunkett have already taken radical steps, most of their colleagues have opted for reviews, which are politically costless to initiate. When those reviews report, and decisions have to be taken, enemies will be made to join the existing ranks of field sports enthusiasts and prospective students. No Government remains popular for ever, and the higher the polls soar, the further they have to fall.

Mr Blair has never yet faced unpopularity. Ever since he became leader in July 1994, his party's opinion poll ratings have been unnaturally buoyant. He has still to be tested in difficult circumstances, but the signs are not good. Even now, he looks rattled and peevish when challenged at Prime Minister's Questions. If he wants to ride out the next few years with confidence, he should cultivate the robustness of Margaret Thatcher and avoid at all costs the

BRIDES' ŁĬB

Betrothal would be a retrograde tribal recession down the aisle

At this peak of the wedding season, a theologian wants to reform the British approach to matrimony. In his paper for The Church Times, the Rev Beau Stevenson brides arrive pregnant at the altar today as proposes to bring weddings up to date by were grafified to do so in the Middle Ages. proposes to bring weddings up to date by bringing back the medieval rite of betrothal In this, couples intending to marry we're blessed on the church steps in order to allow "bundling" or jumping over the broomstick.

Then later, if they decided to take the final plunge, they made their irrevocable vows "till death us do part" at the altar. There was no divorce available to anticipate death, Chaucer's Wife of Bath had betrothed five husbands at the church door, not counting other dear companions of her youth. But, prudently, she never made it to the altar.

The origins of betrothal go back to Jewish and Roman wife purchase. The giving of a ring is an earnest of good faith. And in medieval societies, where marriages were arranged and predicated on children, betrothal was the first step. Witnesses guaranteed the troth. And echoes of this two-step wedding march survive. In the Church of England' solemnisation of matrimony, the couple still plight their troths.

But in modern societies, where couples choose their own partners and premarital sexual relations are condoned (or encouraged), betrothal is a relic. Dr Stevenson may think he is trying to bring church ritual into line with modern relationships, and the world of contraception and divorce. A morning wedding has become fashionable. Then, if the marriage does not work out, at least the whole day has not been wasted. Last week official statistics indicated that four out of ten couples who choose the virginal symbolism of a white wedding are already living together. Nearly as many

. And there is humbug as well as charm to modern marriage à la mode. The contest them to live together. Betrothal was an ane-female supporters are wearing the bigger ient form of trial marriage, like the northern hats is a vestige of rivalry between kinship groups. The tradition that the father of the bride pays for the wedding is another survival from ancient wife purchase. Sensible modern families share the cost. And bridesmaids and ushers today are treading in the floristeris of ancient tribal supporters. But at least the Stone Age custom of putting the presents on display as trophies is fading.

For marriage is still a tribal ritual, even at the end of the 20th century. Not all its traditions are quaint or obsolete. The practice of breaking a wine glass at the end of the Jewish wedding ceremony is a symbol that all is not necessarily going to be sweetness and light, and that marriage can be for the worse as well as the better. That is a piece of timeless tribal wisdom. But most couples now take the decision of when to climb into bed together. They usually have done so, even in medieval and Victorian society. And Church and State can only recognise, license and

bless a marriage between two individuals. "Betrothed" is a more elegant designation than "significant other half". But relationships in a modern democracy are better left to the individuals who are to be related. The Church of England could revive some other traditions in liturgy, texts and holiness. But reversion to betrothal and bride price would be a step backwards down the aisle.

CROOKED BAT

Flay up! flay up! and flay the game!

Cricket is a game full of words more curious than those found in other, lesser sports. Words — like duck, gully, googly, forward short leg. Chinese cut or Harrow drive, grubber, beamer, silly point and extra cover that would appear to belong only in a thesaurus of silly words.

The most curious word of all, however, is not from cricket's manuals of play. It is "sledging", a modern euphemism used to describe activities that range from verbal abuse to the roder gestures made with calloused index fingers. As with the game of cricket itself, the Australians are better at sledging than we are. Their men are pithier, their flavour more piquant, their fuses shorter, and their vocabulary richer. Why, even their beers are called "XXXX".

But we are, it seems, getting more adept at sledging than we used to be, with our schoolboy cricketers in particular showing great promise. The sages who run our schools, however, are deeply alarmed by this, and are planning a purge of "unsport-ing conduct" on the cricket field. They are preparing to address the subject at the Headmasters' Conference, and have blamed the outbreak of viruperation on England's playing fields squarely on contact with abusive Australian schoolboys. And on South African schoolboys ioo, some of whom are said to be evil little thugs who

"frequently overstep the mark". result of a chain of contagion. The senior way of the "fair dinkum" Englishman.

Aussie players are brutes. The Aussie iuniors emulate their seniors, becoming brutes themselves. They then play English juniors (who have no senior brutes to emulate). infecting them with the virus. Cut to spitting, swearing little Johnny from Tonbridge. Cut back to schoolmaster, tut-tutting in the pavilion. Bemoan the state of cricket.

Bernoan, therefore, the state of our civilisation, for the link has been made for as long as the blessed game has been played. It was made, somewhat overheatedly, by Sir Henry John Newbolt, whose response to a schoolboy game today would be an anguished gasp, not a "breathless hush". It was made, most elegantly of all, by C. L. R. James, whose Beyond a Boundary held that all men are naked oafs unless clothed in cricket's fabric. It has been made frequently, too, in the leader columns of this newspaper, which has lamented the decline in standards for as long as standards have declined -

forever, in other words. But if we can lament, we can laud too. The headmasters are right to act. The line between legitimate aggression and abuse is often a fine one. But it does exist, in cricket as much as in the stock market, or in the rush for seats on trains. Our cricketers have often lost, but they have tended to know where that line is drawn. If our youngsters are bad at social geometry, let them be taught afresh. Lose the match if you must, but never lose This degeneration, it is said, is all the your cool, your shirt, or your rag. That is the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Pursuit' of Lord Simon on conflict of interest question

is therefore accountable for his con-

duct and the impression he creates. If

he does not like this then he should

He also states that he has removed

himself from any conflict of interest as

regards his role as a Minister and in

his BP shareholding. However, in

passing he says that European gas liberalisation "does not specifically relate

to BP". BP is a major player in the European gas industry. Any moves on

deregulation of that industry would

significantly affect BP. Lord Simon's

definition of conflict of interest app-

ears not to cover such circumstances.

In which case his words give no confi-

dence that he would recognise a con-

flict of interest if and when one arose.

BP or resign as a Minister.

352 Shakespeare Tower, Barbican, EC2

IAN MARTIN (Conservative

From Mr R. G. J. Winchester

Sir, Actually, I am surprised that Lord

Simon only holds \$2 million-worth of

shares in BP. Given his contribution

to that company and BPs centribu-

tion to the UK economy, this level of

shareholding is remarkably modest. In an old-fashioned pre-Conser-

vative Government era this would

smack of someone taking pride in

what he is achieving and content to

take only a moderate level of reward for his efforts.

Thus, I think we can be content that

Lord Simon's integrity is already well

proven and that young William

Hague's protestations are simply a

reflection of what his generation have

come to expect of politicians and,

distrust that dominated Mr Hague's

formative years and which now ob-

viously affect his outlook on life will

soon be displaced with a set of more

Let us hope that the cynicism and

regretfully, some industry leaders.

candidate, Croydon North, 1997;.

Yours faithfully,

I believe that he should divest him-

if completely of any such shares in

From Lord Poole

Sir, Whilst politicians may be having fun in their Westminster cockpit harrowing him, we should regret the pursuit of Lord Simon of Highbury fleading article, "Whatever Simon says",

As I learnt myself when I was seconded to the No 10 Policy Unit in 1992. in an age of professional politicians imost of whom know all to little about the real world) we badly need as many outsiders as possible to bring their experience to bear on government. There is almost always a career cost in making such a move. There is often a financial one as well. Most do it because they believe that it is clearly in the nation's interest. Let us not make it a virtual impossibility by setting entirely unreasonable demands, such as those being directed at Lord Simon. The safeguards and transpar-

ency are more than adequate. We will all come to regret it if outsiders cease to be brought in. If anything, we should be doing all we can to foster the movement in both directions - outward as well as inward. The Conservatives know this perfectly well from their own experience and will no doubt again wish to bring in outsiders themselves when they return to power. They should shut up and let Lord Simon get on with his

Yours faithfully. 53 The Chase, SW4. August I.

From Mr Ian Martin

Sir. Lord Simon's defence of continuing to hold his BP shareholdings once appointed as a Minister of the Crown Don't scare tycoons away from politics". August 1) demonstrates a startling naivery about both politics and what actually constitutes a conflict of interest.

"I am a businessman, not a politican ... I made it clear that I did not intend to enter the world of party politics," he states. If Lord Simon wishes to stay out of politics he should not have accepted a position in the Government. It is not for him to declare that he is outside party politics. He is a Labour Minister, in Government. He

From W. W. M. Williamson

now wishes to out this burden onto in-

dividuals. Fair enough, but the cost of

an inflation-proofed pension is way

beyond the pocket of most of us, yet

Government is still offering such pen-

sions to hundreds of thousands of

Surely this is unfair and needs to be

corrected. Why should the wealth-

creating section of the community pay

for the pensions of others which they

Sir, The Government claims to wish

to encourage all citizens to make pro-

vision for their old age. Yet the reduc-

tion in the advance corporation tax

(ACT) credit, by reducing the value of personal pensions and company

schemes based on money purchase,

discriminates in the opposite direc-

Members of company final-salary

schemes should not be affected, al-

though their discretionary pension in-creases may be reduced. However,

their employers will in due course

have to contribute more to their com-

pany schemes once any current surplus is used up.

The real winners are civil servants

and others in the state-funded pension

schemes, whose pensions will be

1 Littleworth Avenue, Esher, Surrey.

Sir, Mr Anthony Peers (letter, July 30)

writes of British Council and DTI col-

laboration with the University of

Mumbai to restore its Gothic Revival

On a recent visit to Calcutta I was

gratified to find that the British Asso-

ciation for Cemeteries in South Asia

continues to care wonderfully for the

South Park Street Cemetery grave of

my great-great-grandfather, a promi-

My tiny pang of guilt that the

money had not been spent on the

homeless millions of the city was

somewhat dispelled when I saw a

family obviously living in one of the

nent 19th-century doctor.

larger, grander tombs.

Yours faithfully, AUDREY HANNAN,

116 Northampton Road, Brixworth, Northamptonshire,

entirely unchanged.

DAVID HOWITT.

Raj preserved

From Mrs Audrey Hannan

Yours faithfully,

Elveden.

July 22.

buildings.

cannot afford for themselves.

W. M. WILLIAMSON

Fareham, Hampshire.

Portsdown Engineering,

From Mr David Howitt

(Proprietor).

227h West Street.

highlights this.

their civil servants.

Pensions and fairness

positive views.

Yours sincerely. R. WINCHESTER,

The Old Schoolhouse.

Old Rayne, Aberdeenshire.

Sir, During the pension debate little has been heard of "inflation", but Mr R. F. Jones (letter, July 28) rightly Government cannot afford the cost of modest, basic state pensions and

> The true inventors, whilst indeed foreigners, lived rather earlier. It is all there in Cicero's de Senectute, written in 44 BC:

them their greatest charm.

are sodalitas and convivium, which come together in the official motto of this club. The unofficial motto, "Hang your halo in the hall", would by the sound of it not go down too well in the deal-making new clubs Mr Lloyd des-cribes, where titles and job descriptions are everything.

Yours faithfully, OSMAN STREATER, Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, W1. July 30.

Faceless 'fat cats'

From Mr Nigel Dewar Gibb

defends the so-called "fat cats" by sug-gesting they "create lasting monu-ments for the benefit of the country". But those wealthy business people such as Branson, Tate, Carnegie, Gulbenkian, Fraser, Clore, Saatchi and so many other public benefactors whose names become associated with galleries, charitable foundations, etc. are

"Fat cats", by contrast, are in my opinion the many faceless and undistinguished directors of companies who award themselves huge salaries. pensions and option benefits, whose

the Government consider sealing off

Motorway policy

From Mr Paul Watters

unsuitable roads.

In the absence of alternatives, will

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Sir, Lord Simon's article today does not make clear whether he complied with his obligation to consult the Prime Minister over the proposed arrangements for his private share-

From Mr Richard Heller

This obligation is expressed quite clearly in paragraph 103 of Questions of Procedure for Ministers. in the version in force when Lord Simon took

Where there is a doubt [so over a private interest) it will almost always he better to relinquish or dispose of the interest but in such cases the Prime Minister must be the final judge, and Ministers should submit any such case to him for his decision. "It was decided," writes Lord Si-

mon, in the passive, that I should keep my BP shares until the situation is reviewed next January ... "
Decided by whom? Was the decision submitted to the Prime Minister for judgment, and if so, when, and did he

Yours sincerely, RICHARD HELLER. Oval Publishing. 30 Crewdson Road, SW9. August I.

From the Reverend Arundel Barker

Sir, The coincidence in today's Times of the article by Lord Simon and the report of the latest ministerial rules issued by the Government suggests the question, "Whom do I blame for praise?) for what Lord Simon has written?" Is it Lord Simon, or Peter Mandelson, or the Prime Minister?

But I suppose it is the same question Modernist theologians have always faced when they claim to have uncovered a "doubtful" passage in, say. the prophecy of Jeremiah. Do I blame Jeremiah, or his secretary Baruch, or God?".

But is it not unwise for Tony Blair to encourage us to ask ourselves such a question - doubtless, time after time. after time?

Sir, The reason why Grillion's Club meets at Brown's Hotel, as Mr Lloyd

mentions (July 29), is that Brown's is

on the site in Albemarle Street of an

earlier hotel founded by Alexander

Grillion at the beginning of the 19th

Originally known as Grillion's, its

purpose was to provide a neutral

ground for Whigs and Tories at which

they could dine together without the

acrimony characterised in their par-

liamentary encounters. It was com-

monly said that "the English Constitu-

tion is a democracy tempered by Gril-

Grillion himself was formerly chef

de cuisine to John Crewe, a Whig MP

raised to the peerage in 1806. His hotel

was much respected, but had to come

to an end when the lease in Albemarle

Street expired. It continued at other

premises however and other Grillions

moved to Grosvenor Square to occupy

a hotel there called the Coburg. This

eventually became the Connaught.

which this year celebrates its cen-

(Author, The Connaught Story, 1997).

tenary.

July 31.

Yours sincerely.

Sibford Gower, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

PETER KING

Yours faithfully, ARUNDEL BARKER, 7 Bull Farm Mews. Bull Lane. Matlock, Derbyshire. August I.

From Mr Peter King Drinking and dining

From Mr Osman Streater

Sir, John Lloyd began his interesting inquiry into clubland (articles, July 28-30) by stating that these "sodalities", these "most English of institutions were, not unusually, invented by foreigners. He cites the Italian founder of White's 300 years ago.

Our fathers did well in calling the reclining of friends at feasts a "convivium", because it imples a communion of life, which is a better designation than that of the Greeks, who call it sometimes a "drinking together" and sometimes an "eating together", there-by apparently exalting what is of least value in these associations above that which gives

The two key words used by Cicero

Sir, Mr George Racz (letter, July 26) the wealth creators not "fat cats".

emoluments come from shareholders' funds, and whose input and presence on their various boards passes largely unnoticed. These individuals are anpointed and retire without seemingly causing a ripple in the company's fortunes. I agree that you cannot strengthen

the weak by weakening the rich, but let us distinguish between the creative rich benefactors whose inspiration gives employment to many, and those passengers who will seldom give back to society any part of what they have been fortunate enough to receive from

NIGEL DEWAR GIBB. 15 Kirklee Road, Glasgow 12.

Sir, I hope that the Government will heed your call fleading article, "Congest and confound", July 29) for money released from cancelled road schemes to be used to fund other forms of transport. However, road expenditure cuts in the recent years have not directly funded even the most modest alternative transport scheme. At the same time, the postponement of the widening of the M25 is likely to "congest and confound" the millions who use this motorway.

I doubt whether you, the Government or anyone else can suggest alternatives that could be introduced in time to stave off what I predict will be inevitable gridlock on the M25, which will cause more environmental damage and economic disruption, and impose nightmare conditions on nearby

the M25 to the people of Surrey and west London, for instance? Or ban drivers from leaving the motorway in this sector?

There are no painless solutions, but there is a best option for this particular area: widen the motorway within its existing boundaries and invest immediately in other forms of transport to avoid the need of ever having to widen the M25 again.

Yours sincerely, P. WATTERS (Head, Roads and Transportation Policy), The Automobile Association, Norfolk House, Priestley Road. Basingstoke, Hampshire. July 29.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times co.uk

No 'dead-end' for Belgian okapi

From the Ambassador of Belgium

Sir, Matthew Parris, in his Political Sketch of July 17, "Labour's okapi gallops towards a Darwinian dead-end". is of course right to call the Antwerp Zoo "an unexpected pleasure of Belgium as a tourist destination". I wish. however, to reassure him that al-though the okapi in Antwerp might occasionally "huddle in the Belgian mist", it is certainly not the case that their expression is one of "infinite pathos" because they realise that they are at "a Darwinian dead-end". In

Antwerp they are not. In the last 26 years, 30 young okapi have been born in the "drizzle" and "mist" Mr Parris so graphically (if not always climatically correct) describes. Antwerp Zoo — so I am told by the keeper of its okapi. Mr Van Puyenbrock - is very successful in breeding okapi, which is not at all an easy task. The pregnancy takes 14 months and the female okapi is excessively meticulous in choosing her mate (who seems to serve no other purpose and is im-

mediately dismissed). Mr Parris will be pleased to learn that although London Zoo has only one okapi, it is expecting another one soon ... through the good offices of Antwerp Zoo.

Yours etc. LODE WILLEMS, Belgian Embassy. 103 Eaton Square, SWI.

Good breeding

From Mrs Lindley Good

Sir. The naturalists who destroyed the hybrid embryo of a Spix's and an Illi-ger's macaw (report, July 29) were misguided in my view. Had it survived, the chick might well have been sterile; if not, and it had bred back to the last remaining Spix's or with another Illiger's macaw, the result might not have been so very dire.

Rather than see hybrids fluttering around the Brazilian forests, the scientists involved would seem to prefer to see Spix's macaw die out altogether in the wild. But nature provides some species with a last-ditch opportunity to pass on their genes in this way and, having no other options, our lonely Spix's is clearly prepared to risk it. Who are we to argue? In nature, half a loaf, genetically speaking, is always better than none.

Yours faithfully, LINDLEY GOOD. 21 North End. Meldreth, Royston, Hertfordshire, July 29.

Moral politics

From Mr Andrew E. A. Selous

Sir. In response to David Selbourne's remarks (letter, July 28) on the Tethical impoverishment" of Conservative politics, I would like to suggest that the Tory beliefs of strong commitment to the local community, traditional family values, the work ethic, enterprise and regular churchgoing are alive and well.

They are represented in the belief and practice of John Randall, the Conservative victor in yesterday's Uxbridge by-election, and were no doubt recognised and applauded as such by the electors of Uxbridge.

Yours faithfully. ANDREW E. A. SELOUS. 52 Kyrle Road, SWI. August I.

Brass eagles

From the Reverend Charles Robertson

Sir. As minister of Canongate Kirk (The Kirk of Holyroodhouse), I have more than a passing interest in the pre-Reformation brass eagle lectern removed from St Stephen's Church, St Albans in 1985 (letter, July 29).

The lectern originally stood in the nave of Holyrood Abbey (which served as a the parish church for Canongate), but was louted from there in 1544 and installed in St Stephen's Church. There is a strong case for claiming it as belonging still to the parish church of Canongate.

The time has come for the eagle to

be released from its present secret lo-cation and allowed to wing its way homeward to its proper place and use in the parish kirk of Canongate. I look forward to the day when I can vary our customary Call to Divine Worship with the words: The eagle has landed. Let us worship God."

I have the honour to remain. Sir. yours faithfully. CHARLES RÓBERTSON. Manse of Canongaie. Edinburgh EH8 SBR.

Here is thy sting

From Mr Jeremy Billingham

Sir, In the light of recent coverage on the subject of eurhanasia, readers of pensionable age living on the Kent/ Sussex border should know of a service currently advertised in our local newspaper, The Courier.

Wasps nests destroyed £20 O.A.P.s

Yours faithfully. JEREMY BILLINGHAM. The Jetty House, 3 The Acorns, Stonegate, Wadhurst, East Sussex.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 1: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh and The Duke of York. this afternoon opened the American Air Museum in Britain at Duxford and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cam-bridgeshire (Mr James Crowden). The Duke of Kent (President of the Imperial War Museum), Field Marshal the Lord Bramall KG (Chairman) and the Ambassador of the United States of America (His Excellency the Hon William

Crowe, Jr). Her Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses toured the museum, escorted by Mr Robert Crawford (Director General of the Imperial War Museum) and Mr Edward Inman (Director, Duxford Airfield) viewing the exhibition, and meeting veterans, members of staff and others connected with the museum, and after-wards witnessed fly-pasts of

American and British aircraft. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Commander Harry Abram

frewshire) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Goold which was held in Glasgow Cathedral this morning. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** August 1: The Duke of York, Patron, this afternoon visited the Jubilee Sailing Trust at the Jubilee Yard, Woolston, Southampton, and was received by Mr Michael Campbell (Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire). KENSINGTON PALACE August 1: The Princess Mar-

(Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Ren-

TODAY:

Mr Eddie Bell, executive

chairman and publisher.

HarperCollins Publishers.

UK. 48: Mr John Broome,

founder, Alton Towers theme

park, 54; Mr J.M. Davies,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

House of Lords, 57; Mr John

Gale, theatre producer, 78; Sir

John Hannam, former MP.

78: Sir Christopher Hogg.

chairman, Allied Domeco, 61:

Professor George Jenkins, haematologist, 70; Dr George

Kimble, geographer, 89: Sir Reginald Murley, surgeon, 31: Lord Murray of Epping For-

est, 75; Sir Brian Neill, former

Lord Justice of Appeal. 74:

Professor Sir Michael Peckham, oncologist, 62; Mr

Richard Simmonds, chair-

man. Countryside Commis-

sion, and former MEP, 53;

Professor Sir Peter Swinner-

ton-Dyer, FRS, mathemati-

cian, 70: Ms Rose Tremain,

novelist and playwright, 54: Mr Alan Tuffin, trade union-ist, 64: Lord Waddington, QC, 68: Mr Alan Whicker, broad-

caster, 72; Lord Wigram, 82;

BIRTHS: Joseph John Gurney, philanthropist and writ-er, Earlham Hall, Norfolk,

1788: Nicholas Wiseman, Car-

dinal Archbishop of Westmin-ster 1850-65. Seville, 1802;

Henry Olcott, co-founder of

the Theosophical Society, Or-

ange, New Jersey, 1832; Fran-

cis Marion Crawford, novel-ist, Bagni di Lucca, Italy, 1854; Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Musick 1953-75,

DEATHS: William II (Rufus).

reigned 1087-1100, New Forest,

Hampshire, 1100; Thomas

Gainsborough, painter,

London, 1788; Jacques Mont-

golfier, pioneer of ballooning, Annonay, France, 1799; "Wild

Bill" Hickok, US Marshal,

murdered, Deadwood, Dako-ta, 1876; Marcus Clarke, writ-

er, Melbourne, 1881; Enrico

Caruso, tenor, Naples, 1921;

Alexander Graham Bell, in-

ventor of the telephone. Beinn

Bhreagh, Nova Scotia, 1922;

Warren Harding, 29th Ameri-

can President 1921-23. San

TOMORROW

London, 1891.

garet. Countess of Snowdon, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, to-day visited the 1st Battalion at Oakington Barracks, Longstanton, Cambridgeshire, in celebration of Minden Day. Her Royal Highness was received by Brigadier Peter

Williams (Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire). KENSINGTON PALACE August 1: The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this evening took the salute at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Edinburgh Castle.

Premium Bonds

The El million prize in the Premium Bond draw for August was won with bond number 43PF 266021. The winner lives in Lancashire, and has a bond holding of

Institute of Masters of Wine

Mr A.W. Gunn has been elected as the Chairman of the Institute of Masters of Wine for 1997/98. The following have passed the 1997 Master of Wine Examination held simultaneously in London, San Francisco and Sydney in May: Siephen Charters (Aus), Andrew Corrigan (Aus), Mark de Vere (USA), Rebecca Hull (UK), Laura-Louise Jewell (UK), Jane Kay (UK), Dermot Nolan (Eire), Sabrina Sykes (UK), Lord Tedder (Aus), Simon Thorpe (UK). Anne Tupker

Service dinner

Brigadier I.D.T. McGill and Brigadier and Mrs R. Pridham were the principal guests at a dinner given by the Blythe Sappers last night at the Royal Engneers' Head-quarters Mess, Chatham. Sapper D. Dennington presid-

Scriveners' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Scriveners: Company for the ensuing vear.

Master, Mr D. Jackson; Up per Warden, Mr O.J.R. Kinsey; Renter Warden, Mr N.A.

Weekend birthdays







Peter O Toole, the actor, is 65 today; Tony Bennett, the singer, will be 71 tomorrow, Terry Wogan, the broadcaster, will be 59

Sir Brian Wolfson, former chairman, Wembley Stadium,

TOMORROW: Sir John Anson, civil servant, 67; Air Marshal Sir Peter 71; Mir Steven Berkoff, actor, director and writer, 60: Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Boswell, former Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Guernsey, 69; Sir Paul Bryan, former MP, 84; Mrs Elizabeth Chilver, former Principal, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, 83: Mr Peter Easterby, racehorse trainer. 68: Mr Josh Gifford, racehorse trainer, 56; Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC, for-mer chairman, Financial Reporting Review Panel, 52; Baroness James of Holland Park, 77; Professor Anthony Jones, former Rector, Royal

Scott, diplomat, 78; Mr Martin Sheen, actor, 57; Miss Sue Slipman, former director, National Council for One Parent Families, 48; Mr Jack Straw, Secretary of State for the Home Department, 51; Sir Jock Taylor, diplomat, 73; Sir George Waller, former Lord Justice of Appeal, S6; the Right Rev Dr R.P. Wilson, former Bishop of Chichester, 92.

Anniversaries

Warsaw, 1901.

Matthias Gesner, scholar, Göttingen, 1761; Sir Richard

Arkwright, inventor, Crom-

ford, Derbyshire, 1792: Pierce

Egan the Elder, sporting writ-er. London, 1849; Charles Garnier, architect, Paris, 1898;

Sir Roger Casement, Irish nationalist, executed for high

treason, London, 1916; Joseph

Conrad, novelist, Canterbury,

1924; Albert Frederick Pollard.

historian, Milford-on-Sea,

1948; Colette, writer, Paris.

Francisco, 1923: Paul von Hindenburg, President of the Wei-mar Republic 1925-34, Neudich, 1934; Louis Bleriot, first person to fly the Channel (1909), Paris, 1936; Pietro Mascagni, composer, Rome, 1945; Wallace Stevens, poet, Hartford, Connecticut, 1955; Fritz Lang, film director, Los Angeles, 1976; Carlos Chavez, composer, Mexico, 1978. Death duties were introduced

into Britain, 1894. Iraq invaded Kuwait, 1990. TOMORROW BIRTHS: John (Orator) Henley, preacher, Melton Mowbray, 1692; James Wyatt, architect, Burton Constable, Staffordshire, 1746; Charles Stanhope, 3rd Earl Stanhope, politician and man of science,

London, 1753; Sir Joseph Paxton, gardener and design-er of the Crystal Palace, Milton Bryant, Bedfordshire, 1801: Elisha Otis, pioneer of the safety lift, Halifax, Vermont, 1811; Alfred Deakin, Prime Minister of Australia

1954; Archbishop Makarios III, Primate of the Orthodox 1903-4, 1905-8 and 1909-10, Melbourne, 1856; Stanley Baldwin, 1st Earl Baldwin of Church of Cyprus and Presi-Bewdley, Prime Minister 1923, 1924-29 and 1935-37, Lower dent of the Republic of Cyprus, Nicosia, 1977. Park. Bewdley, Worcester-shire, 1867; Haakon VII, King Germany declared war on France, 1914. of Norway 1905-57, Charlottenlund, 1872: Rupert Brooke,

At the Battle of Cannae, the Roman army supply depot was seized by a smaller army poet, Rugby. 1887; Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, Primate of Poland 1949-81, Zuzela, near led by Hannibal, 216 BC. La Scala opera house in Milan opened, 1778. DEATHS: King James II of Scotland, reigned 1437-60, killed, Roxburgh Castle, 1460; Grinling Gibbons, wood carver, London, 1721; Johann

The first traffic lights in Britain were installed at Piccadilly Circus, 1926.

University news

Hicks and Webb Medley Prizes 1997 for the best performance in Economics in the Honour Schools Philosophy, Politics and momics, and Modern History and Economics, have been

Andrew Green, Keble College; Mark A. Collins, Lady Margaret Hall; Ms Lucy A.C.Eyre, New

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.W. Godfrey and Seporita A.M. Alvear The engagement is announced between James Woide, son of Mr Charles Worde Godfrey and Mrs Angela Godfrey, of Jersey, Cl. and Adria Margarita, elder daughter of Señor Orlando Alvear and Señora Amira Vengoechea. Of

Mr D.W. Mansell and Miss A.J. Grant

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brian Mansell, of Truro, Cornwall, and Amanda, daughter of Mr Ian Grant and the late Mrs Grant, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire

Mr J.E. O'Reilly and Miss S. Morton

the engagement is announced between Justin, second son of Captain and Mrs Derek O'Reilly, of Ronthill Gifford, Tisbury, Wiltshire, and Sara, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Glennon Morton, of Peoria, Illinois. Dr S. Reschke

and Miss S.M. Whiteomb The engagement is announced between Sebastian, only son of Dr Siegfried Reschke, of Duisburg, Segment Reserve, of Dinsburg,
Germany, and Dr Astrid von
Pufendorf, of Düsseldorf,
Germany, and Stephanie, younger
daughter of Major and Mrs Stuart
Whitcomb. of Hanfield Park.

Major S.J. Robinson and Miss A.D. Wright

The engagement is announced between Major Simon Robinson. Royal Amillery, son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Robinson, of Newton Tracey, Devon, and Amelisa, eldest daugh-ter of Mr D.J. Wright, of Clapham. London, and Mrs L.D. Wright, of Billingshurst, West Sussex.

The marriage will take place today at St John's Church. Harborne, between Mr Dominic Edgar and Ms Jill Appleton. The Rev Geoff Lanham will officiate.

Mr J.M.G. Pattinson and Miss S.C.C. Smith The engagement is ampounced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs Mark Pattinson, of Kishorn, Wester Ross, and Sasha, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael

Smith, of Warkworth, Oxfordshire. Dr P. Scott

and Miss G. Croffy The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs Robert Scott, of Peinbrokeshire. Wales, and Gilliam, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Manhew Crotty, of Kensington, London.

Mr R.H. Thomas, FRCS, and Miss I.M. Mackenzie
The engagement is announced between Rhys, son of Dr and Mrs G.O. Thomas, of Abergaventry, Monmouthshire, and Iona, youn-ger daughter of the late Mr D. Mackenzie and of Mrs I. Macken-zie, of Cardiff, Glamorgan.

Matriage

Mr A. Innes and Miss H. Drinkwater and Miss H. Orinkwater
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 12, at St Andrew's
Church, Cherry Hinton, between
Mr Andrew Innes, younger son of
Mr and Mrs J.A. Innes, of Keighley, Yorkshire, and Miss Helen
Drinkwater, elder daughter of Mr
and Mrs S.P. Drinkwater, of
Winehigh Essey

Church in Wales

The Rev Norman Brown, Vicar of Miskin, resigned as Canon of Llandaff Cathedral (St Cross) and Rural Dean of Aberdare on June I and will retire from the Benefice of Miskin on September 1. The Venerable David Lee, Archdeacon of Llandaff and Rector of Llanfaboan, will retire on September

The Rev Jack Buttimore, Vicar of Caerau with Ely and Canon of Llandaff Cathedral (Llangwm), will retire on Sep-

tember 23. The Rev Glyn Austin, Vicar of Nantymoel with Wyndham,

has been appointed Vicar of Pontyciun & Talygarn. The Institution and Induction took place on July 23.

The Rev Brian Taylor, Curate of Aberdare, has been appointed Vicar of Cwmparc. The Rev Andrew Bookless, Curate of Llangynwyd with Maesteg, has been appointed Vicar of Bargoed and Deri

with Brithdir. The Rev Stephen Ryan, Vicar of Aberdare St Fagan, is also to be Rural Dean of Aberdare. The Commissioning took place on July 11.

Latest wills

Alfred Edwin Peto Bennett, of London, SW3, left estate valued at £6,618,965 net.

Sir Roger Falk, of Dolphin Square, London, Vice-President of Sadler's Wells Foundation and Trust since 1986, left estate valued at £535,391 net.
He left £20,000 to the Arthrids and
Rheumadsm Council for Research,
£10,000 to both the Cancer Relief
MacMillan Fund and Trinity
Hosnice Clapham end the £5,000 to

Lady Southampton, of Chagford, Devon, left estate valued at £205,250 net. Lady Robbins, of London

N10, left estate valued at £386.686 net. David Francis Hamilton Me-

Cormick, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £3,201,446 net. William Procter, of Blackpool, left estate valued at

f2.766.204 net. Emmy Brown, of Worthing, West Sussex, left estate valued at FI 319 477 net

on to Jary Hi IRC.

She left shares in her estate to the Canter Research Campaign. Police Dependants' Trust. Army Benevo-tent Fund. World Widlife Fund WK. RSPB. and the British Heart Foundation. Robert Sidney Chavasse, of Reading, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1.012.248 net. George Cormack, of Morpeth,

Northumberland, left estate valued at £1.421.588 net. Marjorie Elizabeth Howe, of Penrith. Cumbria left estate valued at £1,066,812 net. Susan Smith, of Strensall. North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1.914.886 net. Richard James Wilson, of Oadby, Leicestershire, left estate valued at £1,667,225 net.

Bertram Sydney Benjamin, of London, Wl. left estate valued

at £1,712,974 net.

He left £50,000 to Halfa Yechnion.
£25,000 each to Hadassah Hospital.
Jerusalem. Ben Gurion University,
Negev. Tel Aviv University, the Boys
Town Jerusalem. Bet Jakov Avot
Ashdod (Girls Home). Asdod, and the
home for Destitute Children
(Kiryatzanz).

Arnold George Billington, of Newbury, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,118,846 net. Nancy Barbara Hare, of Wrington, Somerset, left estate valued at £1,011,974 net. Robert Michael Hose, of London, W2, left estate valued

at £1,633,876 net. John Edwin Oakley Mayne, of Cambridge, left estate valued at £1.216.376 net

Margaret Hunter Pritchard. of Wellington, Somerset, left estate valued at £1,050,834 net. Gwynneth Mary Rees. of Sketty, Swansea, left estate valued at £1,861,792 net.

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She left £2,000 to the PDSA and to
Swensea RSPCA Animal Centre;
£1,000 to the Salvation Army and to
Pannygwyder Church. Uplands,
Swansea She also left shares in her
estate to Guide Dogs for the Bilind.
Society for the Protection of Animals
Abroad, PDSA RSPCA, Barnardos,
SCOPE, St Dunstans, NSPCC, Sight
Savers International, Swansea
Society for Mentality Handicapped
Children, Swansea Mission to
Scamen, £2-Service Mental Welfare
Society, Imperial Cancer Research
Fund, Parkinson's Disease Society,
Swansea and District Friends of the
Blind, and the Trust Fund of Ty
Olwne Committee.

Phyllis Mary Tewson, of Winchmore Hill, London, N2i, left estate valued at Tenth Sunday after Trinity

ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL.
ABERDEEN: 8 HC; 10.15 S Euch; 6.30 EP.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP. 9.15 HC: 11 Ch Euch, Mass in the Dorian mode (Howells). O saviour of the world (Howells). The Provost: 4 Ch E. Responses (Howells). Stanford in G.

Ch M; 10.30 Euch; 4 Ch E. BRECON CATHEDRAL: II Euch, Mass in

Harris in D. The Dean, CADEIRIAN BANGOR CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: II Euch, Rev H Davies: 5 HC.

M; Il S Euch, If ye love me (Vann), Rev M Nazic, 3.15 E, Responses (Vann), O sacrum convivium (Vann): 6.30 Compline CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch. Rhosymedre (Vaughan Williams), Locus iste (Bruckner), Vicar of Cartmel Priory; 3 E. Sumsion in A. Cantique de Jean Racine

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP. 8 HC: 9.30 Euch; II.15 Euch, Canon D Knight: 6 Ch E. Rev I Moody. CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8 HC: 10 Euch: 11.30 Ch M, Responses (Ayleward), Te Deum (Williamson), Canon M Rees; 3.30 Ch E, Responses (Sumsion), Noble in B minor:

6.30 ES CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL 8 HC; 10 M, Stanford in B flat. Rev J McKechnie; II S Euch, Jackson in G. Ave verum (Saint Saens). The Precentor: 3.30 E. Dyson in F, And I saw a new heaven (Baimon). CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OF ford: 8 HC: 10 M. Canon Peirce; 11.15 S Euch. Lord, not to us (Henderson). The Precentor; 6

She left E1,000 to St Paul's Church. London, N21, E500 to the Inner Wheel Club, Southgate, and shares in her residuary estate to: Solicitors Benevolent. Association. Greater London Fund for the Bilind. Church of England Children's Society. RNID, Salvation Army, Save the Children (Enfleid), and the NSPCC.

ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC; 11 M. Jesu, Joy of man's desiring (Bach), The Dean: 3.15 E.

four voices (Byrd). Canon E John; 330 E, Sumsion in A. Responses (Ebdon). BRISTOL CATHEDRAL, College Green: 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Ch Euch, Missa brevis in D. A sacrum convivium (Leighton), Canon P Johnson; 3.30 Ch E, Responses (Neswick).

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30

DERBY CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10.45 S Euch Rev T Chesterman: 6 Ch E. Responses (Reading), Almighty and Everlasting God (Gibbons), Rev R Parsons. DUBLIN CATHEDRAL: II SE, Messe basse (Faurė), the Humberstone Service

(Carter). Laudate Dominum (Mozarti. verum corpus (Mozart); 3.30 CE. Sumsion in G. Laudate Dominum (Mozart).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10 M. Ireland in F, O for a closer walk with God, Canon R Coppin: 11.15 HC, Colle: 3.30 E. ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in A. Collegium Regale (Howells), Rev

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch. Mass for five voices (Byrd), Canon K Parry; II.15 M, Responses (Smith), Stanford in B flar, Canon D Ison; 3 E, Responses (Carelse), Dyson in D: 6.30 ES, Canon A Maw GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8, 12.15 HC: 10. 5 Euch, Ireland in C, Canon N Heavisides: 3 E. O sing joyfully (Batten).

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), O sacrum convivium (Tallis), Bishop of Dorking; 11.15 M, Stanford in C. Though I speak with the tongues of men (Bairstow), Mrs D Goddard; 6.30 E, Responses (Wills), Harwood in A flat, Rev J Gordon Clark. HEREFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 Euch, Set me as a seal (Walton), The Treasurer; II.30 M, Stanford in B flat, Expectans expectavi (Wood); 3.30 E, Stanford

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 MP; 10.30 S Fuch: 4 Ch E. LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S

Euch, Darke in E. Jubilate (Howells), Rev D. Austerberry: 3.30 E. Responses (Neary). LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8, 12.30 HC: 9.30 S Euch; 11.15 M; 3.45 E. LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Euch; 3

Ch E: 4 HC. MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 M; 9 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Canon A Radeliffe; 6.30

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC: 9.30 S Euch, Canon I Bennett; 6 Ch E. NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch: 10.30 Euch, Canon K Denison: 6.30 Ch E. Read in C. O praise God in his boliness. The PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M

& L. 10.30 Euch, Ireland in C. The Lord is my shepherd (Rotter). The Denn: 3.30 E. Arm-strong in D minor. O praise God in his RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch: 9.30 Euch.

PERSONAL COLUMN

Darke in E. Agnus Dei (Morley), Rev D Murfet 1130 M, Elgar in F, O what their joy (Harris).

Church services tomorrow

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M. Responses (Ayleward), Te Deum (Britten); 10.30 S Euch, The eyes of all wait upon Thee (Berger), Ven N Warren; 3.15 E, I was glad (Ferko), Friedeland in F.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; to Euch. Canon J Davies; 11:30 M, Canon S Holbrooke-Jones; 3 E. SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 MP: 10.30 S Euch, Canon T Page: 6.30 E, Canon J

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Fuch: (I SUUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; [I Ch Euch, Missa brevis in F (Rheinberger), Brill. my soul (Whitlock), The Provost; 3 Ch E. Noble in B minor, Show us your mercy, O Lord (Hallock), Rev D G Brown; 6.30 Ch Euch, Stanford in C, Rejoice in the Lord always (Anon), The Provost. TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9 M: 10 S Euch. Missa brevis in F (Mozart), The Librarian; 6 E. Responses (Ebdon), Short Service (Gibbons), Canon R Gilbert.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; II S Regale (Howells), Canon G Nairu-Briggs; 6.30 E. Responses (Walsh), For Io, 1 raise up (Stanford), The Provost.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Mass of the quiet hour (Oldroyd), Ave verum corpus (Elgar), Ven R F Acworth; 11.30 M, Te Deum (Wood), Lead me Lord (Wesley); 3 E, Brewer in D, Preb A R Wallace.

Brewer in D. Preb A R Wallace.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M
Responses (Shephard). Te Deum in B flat
(Stanford), Canon A Harvey: 11.15 Euch, Set
me as a seal (Walton), O sacrum convivium
(Matthews), Rev B Fenton; 3 E, Collegium
(Matthews), Rev B Fenton; 3 E, Collegium
(Edwick), Rev Dr R Withycombe; 6.30
ES, Canon A Harvey.
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M. WINCHESTER CATHEDRAI: 1030 M, Te Deum (Howells), The Archdencon of Basingstoke, 1130 S Euch, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow); 330 E, Thou knowest, Lord (Purcell), Dyson in D, The Deen

YORK MINSTER: 8 HC: 9.30 M; 10 S Euch. Missa secunda (Hassler): 1130 S Euch; 4 E. Noble in Brainor. Save us, O Lord (Bairstow),

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC: 11 Ch Euch, Missa Acterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Rev K Goulstone: 3.30 EP.

Regale (Howells): 11.30 Ch M. Responses (Rise), Stanford in C. 3.30 Ch E. Responses (Leighton). Dyson in D. ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL, ON

en: 11 Rev R Frazer; 3 Rev R Frazer; 6 ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC: 11 S Euch, Missa brevis (Walton), Canon M Saward; 3.15 E, There is an old belief (Parry), Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense (Leighton), Rev J Risdon.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL Ruismore Gardens, London, SW7: 10.30
Divine Litungy, Kievan and traditional polyphony, Met Anthony.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, WI: 11 Rev Dr. J. Stott, 6.30 Rev P. Blackham.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, WI: Il Missa douce memoire (Lassus), My soul there is a country (Parry). CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; II C. Rev Dr P Elvy; 4 E. Rev Dr P Elvy. CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev Dr D Duncan; 12.20 HC: 6.30 Rev J McMahon.

FARM STREET, WI: 8, 9,30, 12,30, 4,15, 6,15 HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW1: 9 HC; Il Morning Service, Mr J Jennings; 5 Informal Service, Rev N Lee; 7,30 Informal Service, Rev N Lee. THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Signt cervus (Palestrina); 3.30 Ave verum (Gounod):

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, Iverna Gdns, W8: II Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizirian. WESLEY'S CRAPEL City Road, EC2: 11 HC. Rev Dr G Barritt. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Meth-

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C. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Howells), Canon J Oates; 6.30 E. Responses-Byrd, Surge illuminare (Palestrina), Canon J ST CLEMENT DANES: II Ch Euch,

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Sung M., Missa quarti torii (Victoria), Salvi mundi (Blow). ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, WI: 8.30 HC; II S Euch, Missa brevis (Viadana), The

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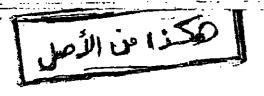
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SVYATOSLAV RICHTER

Svyatoslav Richter, concert pianist, died yesterday in a Moscow hospital aged 82. He was born in Zhitomir. Ukraine, on March 20, 1915.

Tidely regarded as one of , the most important pianists of his day - and indeed as one of the most remarkable and interesting keyboard merpreters of the century -Svyatoslav Richter became as legendary as the music he performed, thanks is this ensive personality and nervous iemperament.

Richter was a noted champion of Prokoney's piano works, and his concerts were exceptional occasions. This was in part because of his proneness to cancel, but more importantly because his playing was subtle, intense and unique to the moment. He was truly making music, not facilely

For many, the four concerts - two public and two private - which he gave in Britain in 1989 were the highlights of their concert-going lives, events that are still recalled with excitement today by those who were lucky enough to be present. At his appearance in the Barbican Centre that year, playing Mozart and Chopin, he declined to return to the stage after one cyrsory bow at the end of the concert. A farter of an hour later the audience, still on its feet, was still cheering. stamping and applauding for more.

Svyatoslav Teofilovich Richter was the son of a pianist, organist, composer and teacher of Polish descent, who had lived in Vienna for 20 years before moving to Zhitomir, where he married one of his pupils. Shortly after the young Richter's birth, the family moved to Odessa, a Ukrainian town where some of the century's most remarkable musicians - including Oistrakh; Gilels, Milstein and Cherkassky - spent their formative

Initially self-taught at the piano, Richter subsequently took piano lessons from one of his father's pupils, and developed an exceptional skill in playing from orchestral scores at sight.
This led, by the age of 15, to the post of repetiteur at the Odessa Opera, though not, as has been claimed, that of assistant conductor. By his own testimony he conducted there only once in his life, when he directed his friend the cellist Mstislav Rostropovich in the 1952 premiere of Prokofiev's Symphony

Concerto. Although he was not a child-prodigy in the usual sense, Richter's remarkable talents were evident at an early age. By the time he was eight he had liance. Richter was a self-effacing begun composing, and four years later artist, painfully devoted to making a story by Maeterlinck.

1934, with an all-Chopin recital at the dazzle of a Liszt study, from the intel-Sailors' Collective Circle in-Odessa. - lectual calm of a Bach fugue to the



heady eroticism of a Scriabin prelude.

kind came when Richter was exempted

from all teaching duties, but effectively confined by the Soviet authorities to the

then USSR and Eastern bloc countries.

In 1945 he won the USSR Music Com-

petition, and the Stalin prize followed

in 1949. Other Soviet honours included

Order of Lenin (1965) and Hero of

from Moscow or Prague brought tales

of sublime concerts ecstatically re-

ceived, but all attempts by Western

concert-giving organisations to engage

him were met with stories of contractu-

al difficulties or mysterious illnesses. It

was not until 1960 - two years after his

tour of Russia with the Philadelphia

Orchestra, playing Prokofiev's 5th Piano Concerto — that he came to the West, visiting Finland and the United

States. When he finally came to

In 1964 he turned up almost unan-

nounced at the Aldeburgh Festival, where he played Schubert, including

the composer's A flat variations for

piano duet with Benjamin Britten. He

returned there three years later to play

Britten's Piano Concerto. But Britten's

intention of writing a large-scale solo

piano piece for him was never realised,

and neither was a planned visit in 1971,

London, every concert was sold out.

is abilities had been spoken of in Britain long before he

made his debut here in

1961. Visitors returning

Socialist Labour (1975).

Official recognition of a two-edged

Entering the Moscow Conservatoire three years later, he studied with the famous teacher Heinrich Neuhaus who said at the time that he was a musical genius: "The span of his fingers is enormous and he is pos-

sessed with great intellectual powers." Believing that to teach a good student was to spoil him. Neuhaus maintained a policy of what he called "benevolent neutrality". In later years he claimed for Richter supremacy above any other pianist he had ever heard, in subtlety of rhythm and in his visionary understanding of entire

Following his father's execution at the hands of Stalin in 1941, Richter's mother fled to Germany, and the young planist became even more dependent on Neuhaus as a mentor.

His championing of Prokofiev began while he was still a student, with the first public performance of the 6th Sonata in 1940. He also premiered the 7th in 1943, and Prokofiev dedicated the 9th to him, and is gratefully remembered in the book of reminiscences Richter published in 1961. However, his repetiony was now developing further, especially in the field of romantic music. For all his brilhe had written his first opera, based on the very best he could of music of a story by Maeterlinck.

all kinds, from the self-communing His debut came at the age of 19 in of a Beethoven slow movement to the

when, after the Foreign Office's expulsion of 105 Soviet spies, a number of other Russian artists on the billing also failed to appear.

The reasons for Richter's reputation were by now fully apparent. He was an artist of exceptional calibre, remarkable for his whole approach to the art of performance. The disappointing cancellations or "illnesses" were recognised as an essential aspect of his seriousness about music. He could not bear the prospect of an unworthy concert. Better to cancel than to betray his standards.

Richter's bull neck, bulk of torso and very slightly tilted, almost bald, head made him look ruthless, even sinister. His face was so emotionless, it could have been carved in granite. It gave nothing away. Yet despite this he was not without a dry, if somewhat sardon-ic, sense of humour. Dining with other pianists in Moscow in 1986, shortly after hearing the news that the emigrant Russian pianist Vladimir Horowitz was due to give a concert there later in the year, he wryly observed: "By the way, I heard that the best pianist in the world is coming to play for us."

In the concert hall he was fastidious about detail, demanding complete darkness, with just one small anglepoise lamp, which he operated himself. shining on the keys. He often played with the music in front of him.

His memorable visit to London in-1989 included a private concert of music by Schubert, Schumann and Prokofiev at St James's Church, Piccadilly, arranged by Elisabeth Schwarzkopf to mark the tenth anniversary of the death of her husband, the recording pioneer Walter Legge. The esteem in which Legge, Schwarzkopf and Richter were held could be measured by the attendance: the church was packed with pianists, many of them household names, and dozens of other representatives from the music Establishment.

Being smaller and more intimate than many venues, St James's, like Aldeburgh, suited Richter's uncompromising performing tastes. He was generally happiest playing away from large-scale festivals, in gatherings such as Spoleto or Hohenems. From 1964 he was the guiding inspiration of the Fetes Musicales held annually at the Grange de Meslay, near Tours in France. He also excelled as a sensitive and considerate chamber pianist, accompanying on occasions such singers as Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and his own wife, Nina Dorliak.

A further visit to Britain in 1992. which included a number of regional towns, brought lavish acclaim, even if it lacked the sense of occasion of the 1989 performances. For most of his last years he had been living in Paris. He returned to Moscow from France only four weeks ago. His wife Nina Dorlaik survives him. There were no children of the marriage.

MOLELEKI MOKAMA

Moleleki Mokama, Chief Justice of Botswana, died from cancer in Johannesburg on July 5 aged 64. He was born on February 2, 1933.

MOLELEKI MOKAMA was a leading servant of the Republic of Botswana from the day it became independent in 1966. As a young lawyer he had played a part in the constitutional negatiations preceding independence, and as a the new nation in half a dozen European capitals. He then became the first non-white Attorney-General, and the first inhabitant of what was Bechuanaland to be called to the Bar by the Inner Temple. He held office for 22 years. becoming the longest-serving Attorney-General in the Commonwealth, before finally being appointed Chief Justice of Botswana. Moleleki Mokama was edu-

cated at local schools in Bechuanaland - and served for a year as clerk to a district commissioner — before pursuing his studies at Fort Hare in South Africa. He graduated with a degree granted by Rhodes University in Grahamstown.

He was then expected by the administration of the Protectorate of Bechuanaland, which had given him a scholarship, to follow a career in teaching. However, he successfully pentioned the protectorate's com-missioner for a further scholarship to study law in

In 1962 he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple. Academic study did not come easily to him, so managing to pass his Bar finals was a relief. The night before sitting them he went into the adjoining room of another student to complain that he could not sleep. He asked for something to help him do so. The next day, having taken the proffered tablets, he expressed himself profoundly grateful for them, saying he had slept better than ever. More tablets were provided for the duration of the exams; only afterwards was Mokama told that he had been given aspirin.

Before returning to the



Mokama took a a Master of Laws degree at the University of London; he was later to be granted the same degree by Harvard for a thesis on a code conduct for multinational corporations investing in de-

veloping countries. He was fortunate enough to be a pupil of the future circuit judge Tom Kellock in the chambers of Dingle Foot, later Solicitor-General in Harold Wilson's Government. This early exposure to liberal influences no doubt accounted for the affection Mokama always felt for Britain.

On his return to Bechuanaland he was first employed as Crown Counsel. He was then involved in the negotiations that led to the introduction of the new constitution at the granting of independence in 1966. He was appointed as Botswana's first High Commissioner in London. He also served as Ambassador to France. Germany, Sweden,

Norway and Denmark. In 1969 he became Botswana's Attorney-General. His role was much more extensive than the title suggests. He was an ex officio member of the National Assembly and of the Cabinet, and the principal negotiator of Botswana's mineral and loan agreements, which culminated in the development of the copper and diamond mines that have provided the solid basis of Before returning to the Botswana's economic success.

Bechuanaland Protectorate, He was a director of De Beers

ROSY GIBB

Botswana Mining Company from 1970 to 1991.

Always committed to human rights. Mokama became a commissioner with the Organisation of African Unity. Official travel frequently took him away from Botswana. and he lacked the time to supervise the day-to-day work of his department or to conduct major litigation personally. So the nascent state had to rely heavily upon expatriate staff both in the Attorney-General's department and in the judiciary, and the quality of their work was variable Against this background. Mokama nevertheless managed to run a remarkably efficient department, and one that was an exemplar to other emerging nations.

Mokama's twin ideals were to uphold the constitution and justice, and to develop the interests of Botswana. The political and legal responsibilities of the job were not always easily reconcilable, but his long battle for both was creditable. He was appointed Chief Justice in 1992; once again he was the first Botswanan citizen to hold the post.

Yet Mokama remained close to his roots. He dearly loved his cattle ranch, where he also kept sheep and goats. He was also an avid collector of firearms and fountain pens.

He is survived by his wife, Kgopodiso, whom he married in the year he was called to the Bar, and by their son.

JEAN HISLOP

🖏 Jean Histop, raceborse owner, died on July 28, aged 77. She was born on January 13, 1920.

LUCK, good or bad, is inseparable from the dramas of the Turf Jean Hislop and her husband undoubtedly enjoyed an enormous slice of the good variety in being able to see her violet and cerise colours carried by one of the outstanding. horses of the century. Brigadier Gerard. Yet the horse's very exis-

tence was a quirk of fate. Brigadier Gerard's grandsire was March Past, himself a fast, game and consistent winner of ten races in the mid-1950s. March Past was trained by Ken Cundell, and because he was a rather backward colf take looked as if he would take time to prepare, his trainer decided he ought to be gelded. But March Past was the first horse ever owned by Mrs Gerald Trimmer-Thompson, and the apple of her eye, so Cundell abandoned the idea,

not wanting to upset her.
His change of mind brought quite unexpected and astonquite unexpected and aston-only of Brigadier Gerard, but ishing benefits to bloodstock also of the Queen's 1,000



Jean Hislop and her husband John with Brigadier Gerard after winning the Champion Stakes in 1972

breeding. March Past's escape from the vet's knife enabled him to sire a remarkable number of highly successful horses. Among them was that top-class colt Queen's Hussar. who became sire in turn not

Guineas and French Oaks winner, Highclere. Jean Hislop was born Jean Bankier, and was a war widow when she married John Hislop in 1945. Hislop was the leading amateur rider in postwar years and an immensely talented and stylish racing

journalist writing on The Observer's sports pages. With Jean as his partner, he also ran a small stud farm where, despite a modest income, they were able in time to realise Hislop's lifelong ambition to own a broodmare who was a descendant of that idol of Edwardian racing crowds Pretty Polly.

This was Brazen Molly, and her final foal was La Paiva (wittily named after a noted courtesan, whose naked form in bas-relief enlivens the ceiling of her former home, the Traveller's Club in Paris). La Paiva was originally a partnership horse, but at Jean's suggestion an outright interest was secured. In 1968 La Paiva produced a

foal by Queen's Hussar - and the beginning of a dream come true for the Hislops. This was Brigadier Gerard (another witty naming - after the Conan Doyle hero of his novels on the Napoleonic Wars). At the end of his unbeaten two-year-old season they were offered £250,000, but turned it down. As a threeyear-old he again swept the board, beginning with his

triumph in the 2,000 Guineas when he beat Mill Reef, and continuing with a series of important races, winding up with the Champion Stakes. "The Brigadier", as he was

popularly known, was trained by Major Dick Hern. Joe Mercer rode him, and the sight of them sweeping to victory with Mrs Hislop's colours was unforgettable. At four, he added further laurels including the Eclipse Stakes and King George VI and Queen Eliza-beth Stakes, but also suffered his only defeat when Roberto beat him in the Benson & Hedges Gold Cup. He neverthe-less remained a truly great champion, with 17 triumphs to his name. Only two classic winners this century (his ancestor Pretty Polly, and Bayar-

do) have won more races. Although no other horse carrying Mrs Hislop's colours scaled the heights of Brigadier Gerard, she had other successful runners, including his halfbrother Brigade Major, who won the Kempton Park Jubilee Handicap in 1973.

Like her husband (who died in 1994), Mrs Hislop lived for her horses, which in later years were trained by Clive Britain and Henry Candy. Although she had a reputation as a forceful character, those who knew her well saw beyond this and valued her good heartedness, charm and sense of humour. She is survived by

Rosy Gibb, entertainer, died of cancer on July 13 aged 54. She was born on

November 8, 1942. ROSY GIBB was Britain's leading female clown and a member of the Magic Circle. As a former social worker and campaigner for the disadvantaged, she often performed for

for the British Council. Rosemary Elizabeth Jane Gibson was born in Dublin, the daughter of the eminent surgeon hypnotist Jack Gibson, whose calling enabled an impish ten-year-old to astonish her Guernsey science class by producing a foetus in a

the mentally and physically handicapped, whom she

delighted, and she also toured

Such antics were compensated by the distinction she brought the school as its swimming champion. Her prowess in this sport led to her swimming for Ireland (one of her backstroke records remains unbroken) in addition to rescuing a dog that was drowning in the Liffey, for which the RSPCA rewarded her with a gold medal. She also went on to represent the Channel Islands at tennis, netball and riding, and to perform as a showjumper for

Britain. At school in the Channel Isles and Africa, she was not always a model pupil, being a rebel as well as an athlete, and it was only a period of selfimposed swotting that took her to Trinity College Dublin in 1961. There she met her future husband. Andrew



Gibb. She was incensed by the pomposity of the annual garden party, with its summer frocks and hats, and on one such occasion, attended by President de Valera, she insisted that Andrew squire her with her features obliterated by a paper bag. But she was also responsible for initiating a programme to encourage literacy among gypsies in Dublin. After Trinity, she moved to London in 1968 to take a postgraduate diploma in social administration.

The success of her literacy programme led to her ideas being adopted by the Inner London Education Authority, and she was engaged, until 1978, as the authority's first "travellers' teacher" (complete

with collapsible classroom). But it was her natural sense of fun that led to her ultimate vocation. With a friend's encouragement, as she neared her 40th year, she became an entertainer, beginning in the competitive cockpit of Hyde Park. While working in "street theatre", she gradually acquired the skills of the fireeater, juggler, escapologist, conjurer, mime-artist and (with rather less success) unicyclist.

She performed in Covent Garden's busking arena and outdoor venues at home and abroad, honing her talents. As Rosy the Clown, she became a member of Clowns International, of which she was to become a leading light. She even learnt the skills

of the fakir, and on one visit to the home she maintained in Granada she successfully supported a 15-stone Spaniard as she lay on a bed of broken

But it was perhaps her most recent work, as a magician, that gave her the greatest satisfaction. She won the coveted Craig Trophy of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, and became a member of the Magic Circle. Her examination for membership of the Magic Circle was such a triumph that, but for lack of precedent, she would have been immediately accepted into the Inner Ring. Yet her appeal was anything but exclusive. She will be fondly remembered by the widest possible circle.

Rosy Gibb is survived by her husband and their daughter and son.

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ASCENT OF THE MATTERHORN. (BY GEOFFREY WINTHROP YOUNG.)

An athlete who loses the whole of one leg loses more than half his activity: because he loses also the rhythm, balance, pace, and anticipation in movement supplied by the team play of two legs. The legless man knows that his artificial limb has only one use: that of a rigid prop under one corner of his framework, so hold him up for a second while the other leg gets on with the work. On rough or steep ground, therefore, every alternate "step" is an unbalancing interruption, which the dynamic leg must recover in addition to doing its double work.

For a number of years after the War I was engaged in subduing the counter-workings of this prop — for actively helpful it can never be and experimenting with it upon British hills. By 1927, 1 had produced a version moderately tame and sufficiently strong and light; and in that year a kindly conspiracy of younger mountaineers took me out again to the Alps, after 13 years' absence. On training expeditions of increasing length, I discovered that the fatigues or exhaustion which I had

ON THIS DAY

August 2, 1928



Geoffrey Winthrop Young, the celebrated English mountaineer, lost a leg in the First World War, but in the 1420s he began to experiment with an artificial leg on British hills. By 1927, with a little help from his friends, he felt sufficiently confident to return to the Alps. thought to have felt physically after a few

hours' climbing were no more than the suggestions of that mental or nervous boredom with arrhythmic movement which is the worst enemy of the limbless, Finally, Mr. Claude A. Elliott, with the great guide Franz Lochmatter, and a magnificent second in Hans Brantschen, took me up Monte Rosa in none too easy snow conditions. The descent of the thigh-deep snow plateaux was only made possible for me by the use of a ski-tip, on which I was towed down the rough snowrapids. A few hours' tramp across the glaciers to the Riffelalp ended an 182 hours day of CONTINUOUS SOINE.

In July this year (1928) after some climbs in the Dolomites, we moved to Zerman and tackled the Wellenkuppe, experiencing some laborious climbing and far from perfect snow conditions.

A day later, a bathe in the Findelen Lake determined me to finish the season with the Matterhorn, Mr. Elliott had gone off to do the Viereselgrat of the Dent Blance (in record time), so I engaged an old friend, Brantschen, and another. The mule ride up to the little Belvedere refuge was exceeding perilous. After a rest we started at 10 pm ... We dispensed with a lantern. Hans helping me admirably, with knee and shoulder and guiding my metal peg to its footholds with the

precision of a chess-player moving a pawn. Presently the lights of following parties showed in the darkness far below. By the Shoulder — this year a rubble and not a snow slope — most of them had caught us up. We wrestled up the precipioes of the great Head, building with a fierce north wind; and arrived

(all but the last) upon the summit at 7.30 am ... And then came the long terrors of the grim descent - always worse than the ascent for the legless man. The vast cast face looked, this snowless year, peculiarly ruinous, grey, and forbidding. But with the help of Hans, patience, and a new technique laboriously mastered, it was over at last . . .

Blair peers take on Tory majority

Fifty-seven new life peers are named today, the largest number of peers appointed in a single announcement in modern times, as Tony Blair begins his attempt to reverse the inbuilt Tory domination of the House of Lords and big business shows its willingness to sign up to new Labour.

At the same time John Major rewards some of his most trusted allies, handing out honours to former Cabinet ministers Page 1

Surgeon 'let boy help him'

A senior surgeon has been suspended from duty while a complaint is investigated that he allowed a teenage schoolboy on work experience to assist him in an operation at the Mayday Hospital in Croydon.

Class size cost

Parents will lose rights to admission at popular primary schools because of the election pledge to keep class sizes to 30 Page 1

Memories of war

The Queen and Charlton Heston met at the opening of a museum to commemorate the contribution of American air power to the defence of the western world Page 2

Cricket purge Public school headmasters are

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Blair's choice

Tony Blair has chosen Sir Richard Wilson to succeed Sir Robin Butler as Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service..... Page 8 has been accepted Page 13

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Labour was accused of throwing away victory in the Uxbridge byelection because of its choice of ... Page ļ0

Test marriages

Couples who want to marry should have a formal church blessing allowing them to live together first, said an Anglican

Israel arrests

Israel has tightened security after arresting more than 50 suspected Islamic extremists ...

Quota shock As a ban on admissions quotas for minorities goes into effect, none of the 196 black applicants for places at a Californian medical school

Duke gives up the helm at Cowes

■ The Duke of Edinburgh is to bring 50 years of royal sailing tradition to an end by settling for a non-competitive role at Cowes Regatta. The Duke will watch proceedings from the deck of John Paul Getty's private yacht instead of taking his usual place at the helm of Yeoman XXVIII

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Svyatoslav Richter, pianist; Moleleki Mokama, Botswana minister

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Virgin: Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic Airways is planning to offer travellers double beds in private rooms, pubs, showers and exercise facilities on its new generation of Airbus planes Page 23

Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 8.2 to 4899.3. Sterling rose from 104.6 to 105.3 after a fall from \$1.6373 to \$1.6367 but a rise from DM3.0067 to DM3.0385.

Athletics: British competitors at the world championships will seek to cast off failures at the Olympics....Page 44

Cricket: Philip North's return for Glamorgan after eight years was scuppered when he overslept. ..Page 44 Football: Chelsea face Manchester United in the Charity Shield. The time for friendlies

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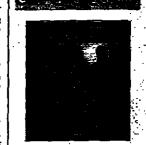
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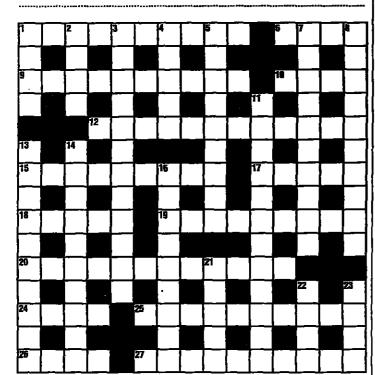
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9 Lean out to grab regular letter 10 Grows up in odd parts of Algiers

12 Assistance provided for early retirement (8.4). 15 Clumsy but gentle in a funny way

17 Fool telling the tale of Macbeth's

19 Shows faith in contract concern-

ing tennis match (9). 20 In a number of countries, it's non-U to have money (12).

24 Sway about, having strong drink

25 Indeterminate position of the Tweed, say (10), 26 Flier, not one of Peter Pan's band

27 Very dignified, say — is placed at head of table (10).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,542

1 Baby boomer (4).

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2 Part of candle, just two stumps? 3 Memory about prayer I found

acceptable (12). 4 Sailor comes upon fish in brook

5 Liberated, but nameless and penniless, and starving (9).

7 One black nightdress worn, quite tiny (10). 8 Dogmatic position in Islam, but

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13 Scrapping writing — one's covered part of jacket (10). 14 Instrument with swing band we

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drizzle in the Channel Islands. North-west Scotland and Shetland cloudy, with a few light showers. Mostly dry tonight, but there could be a little rain in northwest Scotland. and the Channel Isles, it will turn misty in England and Wales and in many parts this will thicken to fog for a time. ☐ London, E Angila, Midlands, S Wales: Early mist or fog clearing with surrry spells developing. A light wind. Max 24C (75F).

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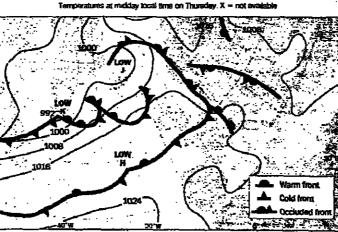
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☐ Outlook: Mostly dry and fine, but England.

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talks of rate rise

By George Sivell.

HOWARD DAVIES, who stepped down as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England on Thursday, said yesterday that a further "modest" rise in interest rates may be needed. His comments helped to lift the

pound three plennigs to DM3.0385 at the close. Mr Davies said, how-ever, that an interest rise would not necessarily mean the pound going up. He believes that further rises in sterling will depend instead on the European single currency and the pound's status as a safe haven against the possibility of a weak curo.

He was speaking as figures showed that manufacturing grew for the 14th successive month. The purchasing managers index, compiled by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, regis-tered 53.4 in July, a slight drop from 53.5 in June.

New export orders, how-ever, fell sharply in July to 47.1, from 51.7 in June, showing the first decline in export demand since the index began in January 1996.

Peter Thomson, for the institute, said: "This is the first month that purchased a significant drop in export orders, which they attribute almost entirely to the strength of sterling. The manufacturing sector remains strong, but the decline in demand from overseas markets is clearly

having an effect." ☐ Wall Street fell sharply after the US jobless rate dropped to a 24-year low of 4.8 per cent, raising fears of inflation. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 118.23, at 8,104.38, at midday.

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Sterling up after Davies leaves City stunned

MARGARET BECKETT, the President of the Board of Trade, stumed the City yes-terday when she asked the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to investigate the £3.65 billion takeover of The Energy Group, the owner of Eastern Electricity.

The move is expected to herald tougher regulation of the electricity groups that have already been taken over, seven of them by US companies. Mrs Beckett made her deci-

sion in spite of advice from the Office of Fair Trading and the electricity regulator that the bid from PacifiCorp, the US group, should be allowed to proceed; subject to various assurances. Mrs Beckett said she was not convinced that such assurances would be sufficient to address her concerns "over whether it will be possible to maintain adequate regulatory control over the merged company".

Eastern Electricity was set to become the eighth regional electricity company to pass into American ownership, but if is the first of the US takeovers to be referred to the MMC. The offer for Energy, which was demerged from Hanson this year, is also the first electricity takeover subject to the scrutiny of the Labour Government

At is anderstood that Mrs Beckett wants this opportunity to examine whether Stephen Littlerhild, the electricity reguover electricity companies when they become part of larger international groups. There is concern that they may be able to disguise the true nature of their financial position so persuading the regulator to accept less onerous price

It is also believed that Mrs Beckett may be worried about the financial structure of PacifiCorp, which initially will have almost £10 billion of debt after the purchase of Energy. The importance of these concerns was highlighted in The



Derek Bonham was "surprised and disappointed" by Margaret Beckett's decision

Oxford University economist and respected commentator on the energy industry.

Energy's shares fell 27p, to 624p, after the referral of the

PacifiCorp bid, which automatically lapses. More than 61 per cent of Energy's shareholders had accepted the 690p a share offer. Derek Bonham, Energy's

chairman, said: "We are surprised and disappointed ... particularly as PacifiCorp indicated its willingness to comply with all assurances required by the UK regulatory authorities." Energy and PacifiCorp both said they would co-operate with the MMC inquiry, which has to report by November 21.

The referral again raised concerns about the clarity of UK competition policy. In June, Mrs Beckett told businessmen that decisions on referrals "will be taken on competition grounds. This will be the primary consideration in merger referrals".

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NatWest insider to run split division

By Robert Miller

ATWEST Group yesterday revealed that the result of the review of NatWest Markets, its troubled investment banking business, would be to split the business into two and appoint an insider as the new chief executive.

Konrad "Chip" Kruger, a US citizen who is currently cochief executive of global debt markets, is to take the position vacated when Martin Owen resigned in June. Mr Kruger. 44. joined NatWest after the bank bought Greenwich Capi-tal, the US securities firm, last

October. Derek Wanless, chief execu-tive of NatWest Group, who took over the reins after Mr Owen's departure, will become chairman of NWM. The business was rocked by the discovery of a net 577 million black hole in the interest options book back in March.

Under the new look, NWM Global Financial Markets will become a new sector within the banking group, under the charge of Stefan Harris and will concentrate on Treasury. foreign exchange, interest rate trading, money markets and currency options. The rest of NWM will focus on investment banking activities, which include global equities, debt markets and international advisory work.

nder the reorganisation NatWest will cut the capital allocated to NWM by as much

as a third.

Mr Wanless said that a firm of headhunters had been appointed to assist in the search for a new NWM chief executive but added that Mr Kruger

was the best candidate. Simon Robertson, the former Kleinwort Benson chief now headed for Goldman Sachs, and Sir Andrew Large, who retired on Thursday as chairman of the Securities and investments Board, were rumoured to have candidates.

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Acquisition hopes and BUSINESS profits lift Lloyds TSB

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SHARES in Lloyds TSB soared after the banking group revealed record halfyear results and lifted its dividend by 26 per cent.

The share price rose 60²p to close at 736p as the market warmed to the possibility of further acquisitions by Lloyds TSB, funded by a war chest of nearly £1 billion. The fa-voured targets are likely to be a life insurer, a building society or the mortgage book of another bank. Sir Brian Pitman, chairman

of Lloyds TSB, said: "There are certainly some possibili-ties but they would have to be fairly sizeable." However, he ruled out any return to the investment banking business. which Lloyds TSB closed nearly a decade ago.

The group saw pre-tax profits rise by 33 per cent to £1.5 billion in the six months to June 30, excluding a £58 million writedown of finance leases. The 26 per cent rise in



Pitman: "possibilities"

the interim dividend, payable on October 10, to 5.3p was helped by a huge jump of 49 per cent in earnings per share

Total income rose by 7 per cent to £3.6 billion. The group set aside an additional £50 million provision arising from the pensions mis-selling scan-dal. This brings the total TSB group, including Lloyds Abbey Life, to £250 million. Of the main Lloyds TSB businesses, retail banking contributed pre-tax profits of £441 million against £307 million last time. Mortgages, now sold exclusively under the Cheltenham & Gloucester banner, were up £45 million at £293 million and net new lending grew by 29 per cent to El.8 billion.

Insurance profits were down £11 million at £228 million partly as a result of the acquisition of the minority shareholdings in Lloyds Ab bey Life in December 1996 as well as the additional compensation for pensions mis-

On the international side of Lloyds TSB, which encompasses operations in Latin America, New Zealand and continental Europe, pre-tax profits rose by £20 million to £185 million with the emerging markets debt division contributing £84 million.

Tube users to be billed at home

By Jason Nissé

TUBE and bus travellers in London will be able to load up "smartcard" tickets with cash before their journeys or be billed at home for their fares under a new £1 billion ticketing scheme to be installed by London Transport.

A deal in principle has been agreed with TranSys, a consortium led by ICL and EDS, which will invest £180 million to install the new smartcard system in exchange for a 17year contract worth up to £1 billion. A final contract is due to be signed in October and the system should be operating by the end of 2000.

lain Coucher, managing director of TranSys, says the system, using plastic cards with silicon chips, will be among the most advanced in the world, cutting fraud and relieving travellers of the need to either buy season tickets in advance or carry change for ticket machines.

TranSys hopes to extend the

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RICHARD BRANSON'S Virgin Atlantic Airways is planning to offer travellers double beds in private rooms, pubs, showers and exercise facilities on its new generation of Airbus A340s, which it has

ordered in a £1.6 billion expansion.

The aircraft, quieter and larger than Virgin's existing A340s and powered by Rolls-Royce Trent 500 engines, will go into service in 2002 on routes to the West. Coast of America and the Far East. They

will carry up to 375 passengers each, competing with the Boeing 777 in range and capacity.

Virgin has ordered 16 of the new A340-600s and two additional A340-300s in an order worth £1.6 billion. It will be the first airline to take delivery of the enlarged

aircraft, which made their debut at the Le Bourget airshow in June. Attacking the planned link between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, Mr Branson said: "We are proud to become the launch customer for this predomi-

which will carry the Union Jack around the globe. Boeing make excellent aircraft. but it is in the interest of both the aircraft industry and the consumer for them to have a strong competitor."

Mr Branson added: "It is healthy to see a European manufacturer and a British engine maker giving their American counterparts a serious run for their

The orders will virtually double the size of the Virgin fleet

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Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch consumer goods giant, is hunting hard for targets for its cash pile. Page 24

Unilever cash

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Arjo says pound has hit sales

Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo-French paper producer, yesterday blamed the strong pound for an 11.6 per cent slump in its sales, from £1.86 billion to £1.64 billion. in the six months to June 30.

The company, which employs 18,000 people and has operations in North America and Europe, said that if exchange rates had been constant, secondquarter turnover would have risen.

A spokesman said: "There has been an increase in the volume growth of sales although average prices are lower. The latest had figures

fuelled speculation that the company is about to merge with a rival. Although Arjo emphasises the negative effect of sterling's strength. it admits that pulp bought in dollars or ecus is significantly cheaper than last year.

BPP ahead

Britain's rapidly growing economy has led to a surge in people taking part-time private training courses to become white-collar professionals, says BPP, the training and publishing group. BPP saw a 22 per cent rise in pre-tax profits before exceptionals, to E5.5 million, in the half year to June 30. Turnover grew by almost 8 per cent, to £38.1 million, with earnings per share before exceptionals up 24 per cent to 13p. A 5p interim dividend, up from 4p, is due on October 10.

Raffles buys

Raffles Holdings, owner of Raffles Hotel in Singapore and Brown's Hotel in London, has paid £26.5 million for the landmark Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten in Hamburg. The 160-bedroom hotel was sold by Japan's Aoki Corporation through JLW Hotels and Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

Beauty plan

Japan's largest beauty products company, Shiseido, is to expand overseas aggressively, aiming to be one of the top three cosmetics firms by 2005. L'Oreal, Procter & Gamble and Unilever are the current top three. Shiseido is fourth.

THE SUNDAY TIMES Civil war at NatWest

NatWest has made it clear it intends reducing the amount of capital it devotes to investment banking, and the scramble for

resources was fierce. "There were more begging bowls at 135 Bishopsgate than there are in the Strand," said one NatWest insider . . . 🤊

Business, The Sunday Times

Share split unveiled but plans for cash pile still a mystery

Unilever price at five-year high

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

UNILEVER, the Anglo-Dutch consumer goods group, failed to offer further clues yesterday on how it will spend its £2.8 billion cash pile, as it unveiled higher than expected first-half profits and plans for a fourfor-one share split.

The funds have been built up since it raised a net £2.58 billion from the sale last month of its speciality chemi-cals business to ICT. A spokes-man said that Morris Tabaksblat and Niall Fitzger-ald, the co-chairmen, had

Electronic

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reveals

£6m loss

By Gavin Lumsden

TRADEPOINT, the electronic

share exchange saved from bankruptcy by venture capital-ists this week, has revealed the

scale of its capital haemorrhage.

The order-driven trading

system lost £6.09 million in its

second year of operation, up from £5.07 million. Losses

continued to rise in the three

months to July at £1.64 mil-lion, up from £1.42 million for

the same period last year. A total loss of El8.23 million is

Set up to rival the London

Stock Exchange in September 1995. Tradepoint remains mi-

nuscule in comparison. Last

month, its best since launch, it

handled £30.8 million of

trades, alongside £221 billion

for the Stock Exchange. It

needs £50 million a day to

break even but is used by only

64 institutional investors, 16

Michael Waller-Bridge, the

more than it had a year ago.

chief executive who steps

down in October as part of the

£11.4 million refinancing led by Apax Partners and Electra

Fleming, is confident the com-

pany will start making a profit

by the end of the year.

As part of the deal, three of the four leading inter broker dealers in the City, who invest-

ed a total of £2.5 million, have

signed with Tradepoint. Stan-

islas Yassukovich, former dep-

uty chairman of the Stock

Exchange and chairman of

being carried forward.

given themselves two years to year high of £18.21½, up 52½ p. decide how to invest the funds. "It is not Unilever's way to rush into anything," he said.

The group said the strength of sterling has knocked £50 million off net profits as reported at constant exchange rates in the first half, and is likely to knock off E70 million over the full year.

Pre-tax profit in the second quarter, excluding the speciality chemicals sale, rose 37 per cent, to £836 million. For the first half, pre-tax profit was 24 per cent ahead at £1.37 billion. The shares closed at a fiveThe group announced yesterrose from 8.8 to 10 per cent. Sales were ahead in North day that the London and America, India and South Amsterdam-listed shares are East Asia. Central and Eastto be split four ways on October 13, if the move is approved by extraordinary meetings on September 22. It last carried out a share split in 1987. The move aims to improve liquidity and tradeability of the shares, which were below £13 a year ago.

The profit growth came

ern European sales were strong but other European countries felt the impact of sales of non-core companies. Poor weather in June pushed ice cream sales lower. For the half year, at constant rates of exchange, sales were ahead by 3 per cent to £16.8 billion. In from improvements in marthe second quarter, sales were gins from cost-cutting and up 1 per cent, to £8.83 billion. portfolio pruning, particularly in Europe, rather the Mr Fitzgerald is not expect-ing overall economic condi-

the second half. "Sales growth is likely to remain modest, in part due to continuing portfolio rationalisation. Although profits growth in the remainder of the year will be less buoyant, profit improvement for the full year should be satisfactory," he said. The interim dividend will be

announced with the thirdquarter results in November. Earnings were boosted by the disposal profits and rose 310 per cent, to 150.19p a share.

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Minister sets terms for Bupa takeover

By Clare Stewart

BUPA, the private health insurer and hospital group, will have to sell a stake in the AIMquoted Independent British Healthcare if its takeover of Goldsborough Healthcare is

to go ahead.
Nigel Griffiths, the Competition and Consumer Affairs Minister, yesterday announced that the £77 million deal would be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission unless Bupa met

certain undertakings. Bupa's acquisition of Goldsborough includes control of nearly 21 per cent of Independent British Healthcare, an operator with 11 private hospitals. The deal, Mr Griffiths said, "gives rise to competition concerns in relation to the market for private hospital heds". These concerns "might be addressed if Bupa undertook to sell the stake in IBH.

Bupa said it would be working with the Director-General of Fair Trading and the DTI to meet the requirements "as soon as possible". Bupa's 175p cash offer for Goldsborough has now received acceptances in respect of 96.9 per cent of the shares. The merger will mean the combined group will have 35 hospitals and 76 nursing homes. Concern over the deal has been raised because of Bupa's enlarged share of the healthcare market and over its influence as both a healthcare provider and customer

The OFT has extended its consultancy period on the bid until August 22. Paul Saper, an analyst at Laing & Buisson, said this would give smaller operators in the market op-posed to the merger time to

through its insurance arm.

Goldsborough shares closed down 4 p at 1704 p. and IBH up 8p at 825 p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Retail boost signals windfall spending

JOHN LEWIS provided further evidence of a consumer boom yesterday as it ended its half year on a high note, with sales on the rise at both its department stores and at its Waitrose supermarket chain. The department stores reported that big ticket items, such as furnishings and electrical appliances, were selling best in late July. This supports what Dixons, the electrical retailer, and Allied Carpets have been saying about customers dipping into windfall payments.

In the 26 weeks to July 26, sales at department stores were up 10.7 per cent. In the final week of the half year they were up 13.6 per cent. In the same period at Waitrose, sales were up 4.7 per cent, with a 5.9 per cent rise in the final week. Total group sales increased 7.3 per cent in the first half, with 9.6 per

Premier in the red

PREMIER, the healthcare group whose shares remain suspended at 15p, yesterday announced that it had incurred full year pre-tax losses of E1.124 million, against a profit of E1.1 million for the year to December. The loss per share reached 14.7p, against earnings of 15.1p last time. Again, there is no dividend. Premier says that if shareholders vote to approve the planned disposal of its US business it will not need to turn to alternative sources of finance. However, such a course of action will be needed in the event of there being no approval.

Hansom disposal

HANSOM'S Richmond Road Cab Centre subsidiary is to sell its taxi meter rental business, which trades as Taxitronic, to Interfacom, the Barcelona-based supplier of its taxi meters. The price is £230,000, payable over five years, which will be used for working capital. Richmond Road Cabs has agreed with interfacom for its wholly owned subsidiary, Taxitronic, to subjet part of its premises at Richmond Road, Hackney, where it will continue the business of renting taxi meters. In the year to March 31. Taxitronic made pre-tax profit of £20,570.

BPB's sterling warning

BPB, the building materials group, said that an improvement in profitability during the year to date had been offset by the impact of sterling's strength on overseas earnings, which may hit full-year profits by just under £20 million. The warning left the shares 612 p lower at 329p. Alan Turner, the chairman, told the annual meeting that strong volume growth in sales of plasterboard products achieved last year continued into the first quarter, with building plaster demand also higher in many countries.

Kellogg beats estimates

KELLOGG said that its net income more than doubled in the second quarter, sailing past Wall Street estimates and driving up the cereal giant's shares. Kellogg said gains in its share of the US cereal market helped to push earnings to \$163.6 million (£100.4 million), or 79 cents a share, in the quarter. The returns easily outpaced profits of \$78.1 million in the same period last year, when a price war hit Kellogg's bottom line. The shares surged 437 cents to \$96.25.

Landround's £3.6m tag

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LANDROUND, a provider of travel-based promotions, is seeking an Alternative Investment Market listing through a placing of 625,000 ordinary shares of 5p each, at 80p a share, raising £365,000. The placing capitalises Landround at £3.6 million. First dealings in the shares are expected on August 13. The issue's broker is W.H. Ireland. Landround provides promotions for clients such as Adidas and Dixons. It reported pre-tax profits of £362,000 in the year to September 30, 1996.

Paramount bid threat

THE bidder for Paramount Foods threatened yesterday to call off its efforts unless the food producer provides what is described as "appropriate information" to determine whether an acceptable offer could be made. Harry, Ian and Lester Kent, the founders, former directors and current 17.3 per cent shareholders of Paramount, confirmed that they made the anonymous approach on May 12 but since that date had still not been put in a position to formulate an offer.

per cent increase in pre-tax profits to a record £5.3 million for the half year to June 14. The Easdaq, is to join the board. Tempus, page 26 | shares rose 87/2p to £18.6212 as the interim Blot on Bic takeover hopes

By Clare Stewart

Rising fast: Mike Darrington, managing director of Greggs, the bakers, celebrates a 24

MARRIAGE plans between Bic ballpoints and Sheaffer fountain pens may have to be rewritten even before the ink is dry on the page.

Two top executives of the American Sheaffer group look certain to launch a management buyout to try to block the advances of the French-listed

Owen Jones, Sheaffer's chief executive, and Shane Dolohanty, chief financial officer, are considering whether to exercise their right of refusal

Boiland, a partner in Alchemy Partners, the venture capital group, which has promised to support a buyout, said: "We are still studying the Bic offer. but there is a high probability that this right will be exer-

A firm decision on any management buyout would be made over the next few weeks Partners is headed by Jon Moulton, who was involved in the Parker Pen buyout in 1985.

Bic is believed to be offering to buy the company. Martin a price that is below the Sheaffer group's annual sales of \$50 million (E30 million). Since 1987, the loss-making Sheaffer has been owned by Gefinor, a merchant bank

listed in Luxembourg.
The action by Bic, best known for its low-cost pens and disposable razors and lighters, is seen as a move into more upmarket areas. It follows recent acquisitions such as those of the Hauser pens and Tipp-Ex correcting fluid

Sheaffer, which is based in

worldwide and was founded in 1913 by Walter A. Sheaffer, inventor of "the first practical self-filling fountain pen".

dividend advanced 22 per cent, to 11p a share.

out of earnings up 30 per cent, to 32.7p. The

group holds net cash of £12.6 million. Meanwhile, a record £26 million capital

spending programme is under way at Greggs.

The group's products. which include fountain pens, rollerballs and pencils, retail for between £4.95 and £320 and are stocked by a wide range of retailers, including Harrods, Selfridges, WH Smith and Rymans.

Société Bic reported 1996 sales of \$1.2 billion, and, as well as its French base, has operations in north and central America

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TOURIST RATES

applications had been made by shareholders for some 3.33m shares being 43% of the shares available for subscription. The rights issue was of 7,735,768 shares

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: JOHN HENDRICKS

A hometown boy with global vision

Eric Reguly meets a media mogul poised to

conquer the world in partnership with the BBC



is quietly transform-Tuesday U7 ing the BBC into a Mednesday on a global scale looks like an insur-Finursday ance salesman from the Mid West. Hendricks,

the founder, chairman and chief executive of Discovery Communications, the documentary maker that has formed an international programming joint venture with the BBC, is short, sturdy and sports a wardrobe that positively shouts suburban shopping mall: stiff white shirt, a tie decorated with First World War acroplanes and an expensive but otherwise ordinary jacket. He is friendly, laid-back and straightforward.

The whole effect is unsettling and

raises suspicions. Here is a man who parlayed \$17,000 (£10,429) of his own: money into a media company with an estimated worth of \$3.8 billion in little more than a decade. Now Discovery is investing more than \$500 million to make the BBC a household name around the world. A slick media shark is what you would expect; what you get instead is a hometown boy with whom you would gladly share a beer. "He is not your typical media type from Central Casting," says Adam Singer, chairman of Flextech, Britain's second-largest supplier of cable and satellite programming.

Discovery, based in Maryland, was launched in 1985 and has since become the world's largest producer of nonfiction programming, with every topic imaginable, including adventure, science, technology, medicine, nature, history and exploration. Its library includes documentaries on meerkats, "the most social of animals", mythical monsters from the Loch Ness monster to werewolves, forensic scientists, UFOs, classic racing cars, the Battle of the Bulge, air warfare, the pyschology of fear, the development of women's bathing suits, killer jellyfish and sharks and dinosaurs

Discovery is the only TV network devoted exclusively to documentaries and when it was launched in 1985 with Iceberg Alley it was considered somewhat daffy and probably doomed. Documenta-ries implied learning, not recreation. You were forced to watch them at school and happily ignored them at home, with the possible exception of Jacques Cousteau's vision was the creation of channels that were purely documentaries — no sports; movies or news. Back then, and it wasn't too long ago, that was a pretty radical

science and nature and anything mechan-. ical. He is taking flying lessons, not so that he can get to meetings faster, but because he is fascinated by flying. If he bought a plane it would be a bouncy little Cessna, not an intercontinental Gulf-stream V, which he could easily afford.

which is 36 million years old. "It is absolutely amazing to touch something

Hendricks is a self-made man. He was could be made in the nerd market.

THE American who born the son of a house builder in a coal is quietly transformining town in West Virginia, a perennial hard-luck state. "Our fortunes were tied

to the housing market; we lived from house to house," he says. When Hendricks was a kid, the family moved to Huntsville. Nasa had chosen the Alabama city to build the Saturn moon rockets and the housing market was booming. So was Hendricks's imagination. "Humsville was to play an important role in getting the first man on the moon," he says. "I always had an interest in space and aviation. I built a telescope when I was 12 years old."

At the University of Alabama, he read

At the University of Alabama, he read history, science and astronomy. Although he went on to become the school's director of community and government services, the seeds of his documentary business had already been planted. Hendricks noted that every time he wanted to see a documentary, he had to scour the university's decrepit library of fomm films and set up a projector. "At the time, I thought why is this stuff not available on TV?"

He suggested the idea to a local broadcaster, who dismissed it as fanciful, and to a cable company, which explained that under the current legislation cable companies could be distributors or content providers but not both.

The market changed radically in the mid-1970s when Time Inc (now Time Warner) challenged the restriction and

'John's vision was the creation of channels that were purely documentaries. Back then that was a pretty radical concept'

won. The victory meant that cable companies could acquire and make programmes as well as broadcast them. ozens of cable exclusive channels were launched, including Home Box Office and Ted Turner's CNN:

In 1982, fearing that one of the big players would soon snatch his documentaries-for-the-masses idea. Hendricks started a company called the Cable Education Network. It had no product, no viewers and no money. He figured he Undersea World. Singer says: "John's needed \$25 million to start the service and began to recruit investors.

Tele Communications Inc., America's biggest cable group, provided its financial might and bought a 49 per cent stake in Hendricks fits the part. He loves Communications and Newhouse Broadcasting, part of the company that owns Vanity Fair magazine, also stepped on board. Hendricks's equity was diluted to 3 per cent, but he had some of the most powerful names in the industry behind

The Cable Education Network name He is 45 and his hobbies seem suited to was jettisoned and replaced by the those of a young boy before he discovers snappier Discovery. It had 152,000 girls. His favourite pastime at the subscribers by the time it finally made it moment is fossil collecting and he has to air in 1985. A year later there were three sabre tooth tiger skulls, one of seven million, and two years later there were 32 million. Discovery had become the fastest-growing cable network in history. Hendricks proved that fortunes

Discovery owed a lot of its early success to public service broadcasters around the world, including the BBC and the Canadian Broadcasting Corp, whose documentaries were bought for a small fraction of their production costs and shown on the Discovery channels. "A lot of our early programming had English, Australian and Canadian accents," Hendricks says. "We needed some American

So in 1988 Discovery began producing its own programmes, including The Second Russian Revolution, a six-part series on the fall of Gorbachev. Coproductions with the BBC became one of the driving forces of Discovery's original

programming effort.

Having saturated the vast American market in only a few years, Discovery set its sights overseas. In 1989 Discovery Europe appeared. Other channels followed in Latin America, Canada, Africa and Asia. At last count, the company had 110 million subscribers in 145 countries and generated revenues of \$662 million in 1996. Merrill Lynch, the Wall Street investment house, has put a \$3.8 billion value on the privately held Discovery

Discovery has recently diversified into retailing, digital channels focusing on children, interactive media, Web sites and big-screen films. Its first feature movie, The Leopard Son, makes its premiere

The BBC will fuel Discovery's next stage of growth. The BBC has impressive production capability and a rich but underexploited library. Hendricks real-ised some time ago that the BBC also had global ambitions and might attempt to flood the international market with highquality, non-fiction programming of its own. Three years ago he met Bob Phillis, now the chief executive of BBC Worldwide, Auntie's commercial arm. "We were talking about working together globally to reduce the risks in nature and animal programming, rather than having two competing services."

A year ago, BBC Worldwide announced that it was in discussions to form two joint programming ventures, one with Discovery to cover the American and international market, the other with Flextech, another Tele-Communications Inc affili-ate, in the British market. For the BBC. the goal was to generate a robust stream of commercial income to offset the increasingly inadequate licence fee in-come. BBC Worldwide expects its various joint ventures to contribute more than E200 million a year to the BBC within a

The much smaller Flextech joint venture is ready to go. The parallel Discovery announced last month that its first two channels will start broadcasting in the autumn. Animal Planet, described as a "fur and features" channel, and the People and Arts Network will appear first in Discovery's Latin American markets and will eventually be broadcast globally.

Together, the BBC and Discovery form the most formidable non-fiction programming machine in the world. "Who can really compete with us?" says Hendricks. Discovery, with the BBC at its side, will no doubt go on to conquer new worlds. But Hendricks is not obsessed with the

business. He is just as happy flying his little plane or admiring his fossil collection with his children.



John Hendricks parlayed \$17,000 of his own money into a media company with an estimated worth of \$3.8 billion

Lloyds TSB Group results for the first half of 1997

"Lloyds TSB Group is pleased to report another strong set of results. Profit attributable to shareholders rose by 57 per cent; earnings per share were up by 49 per cent; and the interim dividend was increased by 26 per cent.

We are well placed to continue to deliver superior returns to shareholders."

Sir Brian Pitman, Chairman

	· Half-year to 30 June 1997 (unaudited)	Half-year to 30 June 1996	Half-year 10 31 December 1996
	£m	1m	†m
Profit before tax and write-down of finance leases	1,504	1,130	1,375
Write-down of finance leases	(58)		<u> </u>
Profit before tax	1,446	1,130	1,375
Tax	356	372	414
Profit after tax	1,090	758	961
Minority interests	5	68	76
Profit attributable to shareholders	1,085	690	885.
Dividends	283	214	478
Earnings per share	20.4p	. 13.7p	17.5p
Dividends per share	5.3p	4.2p	9.0p

Financial information for the year ended 31 December 1996 is based on the statutory accounts for 1996 which have been delivered to the registrar of companies. The auditors' report on these accounts was unqualified and did not include a statement under sections

The interim dividend of 5.3p per share will be paid on 10 October 1997 to shareholders registered on 15 August 1997. Shareholders who have completed a mandate under the share dividend scheme will receive new shares instead of the cash dividend.

Copies of the news release containing full details of the results may be obtained from Investor Relations, Lloyds TSB Group plc, 71 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3BS (telephone: 0171 356 1273).



Fund runner

FOR a man perennially described as publicity shy, it must have been a dreadful week for Nicholas Roditi. First he's in the news because he's appointed his old chums Rupert Pennant-Rea and Derek Netherion to the board of investment trust Plantation & General. The next thing he knows, he's "exposed" as earning £80 million a year, reinforcing his position as Britain's highest-paid man.

Since he had previously struggled along on an estimated £50 million, this is the equivalent of having received a pay rise of about £575,000 a week. Roditi runs the £1.8 billion Quantum Quota fund for George Soros. Financial World, the New York publication that first drew attention to Roditi, bases its estimates of his earnings on the "smashing 82 per cent" rise in the fund last year, after a 159 per cent rise in 1995.

Netherton, who began working with Roditi at Schroders nearly 30 years ago, says the true figure is proba-



bly known only to Roditi and Soros. "I haven't a clue," he adds. "I've never asked him and he's never told me." Whatever, Roditi, who sold his Hampstead home a few months ago for £1.5 million, is not short of a bob or two. Panmure Gordon clearly thinks he can afford the E31.5 million offer he has been forced to make for Plantation & General. -

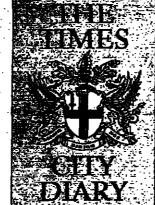
At the helm

A SORRY tale reaches me from darkest Dorset. According to well-informed local sources, Cleeves Palmer, one of two brothers who run J C & R H Palmer, a highly successful brewery in Bridport, recently encountered a spot of bother when he took his motor cruiser for a spin off the Dorset coast. Palmer, a self-effac-ing fellow well known on the local party circuit, was enjoying the air when the engines spluttered to a halt, leaving him bobbing on the waves far from land. Thinking on his feet, Palmer whipped out his mobile phone, and dialled the coasiguard. Could we have your position, sir?", they asked. Palmer replied: "Sales and marketing director."

Badgered

model-turned-Lloyd's

NICK DOAK, PR supremo at Lloyd's of London, whizzed off on holiday this week, taking with him a nifty badge, styled on the Lloyd's logo, with the inscription: "Lliars of London." Is this the new face of Lloyd's? Has Doak come clean? Not a bit of it. The badge, it emerges, is the work



campaigner, who sent out dozments of "The Angry Ladies of Lloyd's". One even found its way to Philip Holden, who has the task of bankrupting thousands of non-paying names. He has issued over 1,400 writs and obtained 223 judgments so far and will be interested in the inscription on the back which says the badges were assembled by the homeless.

• STILL at Lime Street, the

latest Lloyd's disciplinary notices detail the shocking case of John Lee Summerfield, a former deputy claims manager with a Lloyd's syndicate specialising in motor insurance. Summerfield's duties included dealing with stolen and recovered vehicles. Cutting a long story short, Sum-merfield "diverted" a couple of cars on which claims had been paid, kept one for himself, and registered the other in the name of his wife. Some-one found out, Summerfield lost his job, and Llayd's has imposed a formal censure, plus costs of £2,000.

Buoy zone

of Sally Noel, the former 60s ACHING limbs across the

italists, television executives, insolvency practitioners and that great annual summer bash, the Biddle & Co waterski day, held at Thorpe Park in

Surrey. Martin Winter, senior partner of the Gresham Street law firm, excelled yet again by inviting almost as many children as adults - 38 potential litigants in all.

While the urbane Roger

Fink, a Biddle parmer, carved

up the waters at Paul Seaton's

longed to five-year-old Amelia Winter, who followed her father's example by skiing a round or two, sending the resident ducks scattering. Winter and his wife, Hilary, a partner in Gouldens, another firm of solicitors, spend most of their weekends at Thorpe Ski, and regularly compete in the national championships. Amelia. meanwhile, is clearly destined for greater things. When can I go round the buoys?" she was heard to proclaim - to which a nervous Winter added to all in earshot: "She means slalom buoys, not boys." Lawyers for you.

Jon Ashworth





Banking sector keep market on an even k

ANOTHER strong performance by the banking sector kept the London equity market on an even keel in the face of a hefty self-off on Wall Street.

Investors on both sides of the Atlantic had coped with the slightly stronger than ex-pected rise in the US non-farm payroll numbers. But it was the sharp rise in the July US National Association of Purchasing Managers' index that finally had them on the run.

A sell-off among US Treasury bonds prompted a fall of more than 100 points in the Dow Jones industrial average at one stage. By contrast, the FTSE 100 index. having staged a 50-point turnround in the space of just 45 minutes. eventually limited the fall to just 8.2 points at 4.899.3 by the close. Bank shares closed below their best of the day but were still sporting useful gains. But it reduced the rise on the week to 47.8 points. Trading was thin with 815 shares changing

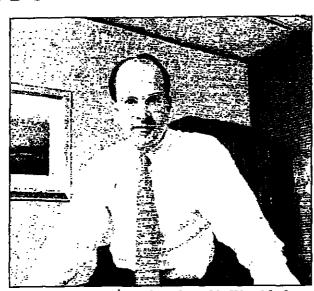
Brokers said investors were reluctant to open fresh positions ahead of next week's meeting of the Bank of England monetary policy committee, which could lead to another quarter-point rise in base rates.

Half-year figures from Lloyds TSB were given a warm reception, with the 26 per cent increase in the dividend setting the pace for the other banks still to report. The shares, which were rewarded with a leap of 60'2p to 736p. were the best performing among the top 100 companies.

Brokers are now looking to upgrade their year-end foreeast of £3.2 billion, and one is even reckoned to be getting ready to set a target price for the shares of 940p.

Barclays Bank, reporting next week, rose 8½ p to £12.94. Also reporting next week are Woolwich, 8½ p better at 298p; Standard Chartered, down 11¹2 p at 993p; HSBC, 12p cheaper at £21.93¹2; and NatWest, 7p easier at 8592 p. NatWest has also appointed 'Chip' Kruger as chief executive of its NatWest Markets securities division.

Halifax was another firm market, adding 6 2 p to 743p for a two-day gain of 35p. Morgan Stanley is said to be considering making it a conwould, in turn, attract the attention of the tracker funds among its clients. Earlier this



'Chip' Kruger has taken the helm at NatWest Markets

week Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers were both buying Halifax after telling clients the price had come back too far since its flotation.

The prospect of some big orders for Airbus Industrie put the spark back into British Aerospace, which forms part of the consortium that owns Airbus. Its shares rocketed 26p to £13.594 p.

Apparently, a potential stumbling block to the deal is Goldsborough's 21 per cent stake in Independent British Healthcare, up 8p at 8212p. The Government wants assurances that Bupa's stake in IBH will be sold once it gains control of Goldsborough. The terms from Bupa value Golds-

borough at 175p a share.

BPB Industries lost 6½p at

While Arjo Wiggins Appleton was telling investors of the problems a strong pound can cause. Rexam enjoyed a revival. rising 1112p, to 25812p, having fallen from a peak of 36912p this year. One million shares was dumped on the market at 260p before heing snapped up by another institution at 265p.

Unilever's half-year figures and subsequent share split were given a warm reception by brokers and the price rose 525p to £18.215p.

The Government is to refer PacifiCorp's bid for Energy Group to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Shares of Energy Group declined 27p

Bupa's £77 million offer for Goldsborough Healthcare, down ip at 170½p, has also been threatened with referral.

Laura Ashley

329p after giving warning that the strong pound could wipe
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the total number of contacts completed reached 98,000. In longs, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished £11/16 down at £11011/16, while among shorter dated issues. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was ☐ NEW YORK: Wall Street shares tumbled after the NAPM and jobs data for July. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 118.23 points at 8,104.38.

Harry, Ian and Lester Kent.

But they are now threatening to break off talks unless more

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They were the original founders of Canadian Pizza

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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Banking on consumers

gy, but Unilever is still

in the developed world.

where the top line is shrink-

ing in real terms. If the

market is prepared to rate

Unilever so highly, it has

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tation of a huge acquisition.

After the sale of the chemi-

cals business, Unilever could

reighed down by businesses

THE chaps who run Lloyds TSB are gentlemen and if they looked a little smug yesterday, it was due to the 49 per cent rise in the group's halfyear earnings. It was surely not glee at the sight of more contortions at rival NatWest, which, for want of a better strategy, has decided to split its

investment bank into two. NatWest's carry-on had the useful effect of highlighting the virtues of Lloyds TSB. While NatWest pontificated about a new focus on investment banking (why were they not locused before?). Lloyds TSB's results only served to remind investors that the less you focus on investment banking the more money you make.

Plaudits for Lloyds TSB need to be kept in context, however. Their strategy has been disarmingly simple, based on concentrating their investment in higher-margin mortgage and consumer lending business. Using the

Cheltenham & Gloucester brand to effect, they have gained market share in mortgages while at the same time improving interest margins, a neat trick that Abbey National notably failed to achieve. THE WATER

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The question is whether Lloyds TSB can continue to generate such high returns — 40 per cent on a rising capital base. With El billion of spare cash flow the bank can keep the returns running at a high level by distributing capital. The shambling efforts of rival banks may give them comfort but the real competition may come from outside the industry among retailers with swollen bal-ance sheets. If Lloyds TSB has slowed the closure of its branches it may be due to fears that cost-cutting will not be an easy route to growth as the banking market opens up further.

spend £10 billion without

enduring severe financial

stress. However, it would be

wiser to wait. Any business

with the growth potential

needed to give a boost to Unilever's sluggish sales will

be priced accordingly. In the

meantime, the price of Unilever should reflect the

more modest gains from

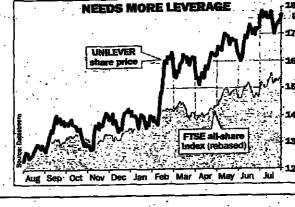
cost-cutting.

Unilever

DON'T look for consistency in this stock market. Growth businesses are sunnosed to be the fashion, but shares in dear old Unilever — which managed to increase its sales by just 1 per cent in the second quarter — are rated at a 25 per cent premium to the market. Profits were well up in the second quarter, but, over the longer term, the City is expecting earnings growth of 7 to 9 per cent a year from the soaps to margarine combine. Hardly exciting stuff.

Restructuring is behind the 32 per cent increase in operating profit. The Anglo-Dutch group has been tailor-ing its asset base to suit more competitive markets in the developed world, with heavy provisions in the accounts for the cost of shedding staff and plant.

Few would fault the strate-



Energy Group

WHERE does public interest begin and competition policy end? With a change of government, it seems. Our last rulers were deeply worried about the creation of big regional electricity monopolies, so horizontal integration - such as the Southern Electricity/Sweb merger were ruled out of bounds. Too much power over too many customers and the disappearance of businesses that could be used as comparators for regulatory pur-

poses were the concerns. PacifiCorp has ambitions to take over the world, it seems, but its bid for Energy Group will still leave it a minority player in the UK. What worries this Government is that Eastern Electricity could be raped and pillaged in order to finance PacifiCorp's grandiose ambitions elsewhere. Electricity companies are cash

The capital investment was

DOLLAR RATES

sunk into the network years ago and the only task for management is to operate efficiently. With the cash flow from Eastern, PacifiCorp will have banks galore willing to lend or syndicate a big bond

Of course, PacifiCorp may have no intention of assetstripping Eastern and, if the new President of the Board of Trade rules against the takeover, where does this leave competition policy? Perhaps horizontal mergers should be encouraged? After all, two domestic electricity companies would be jolly strong, easier to police than johnny foreigner and shareholders would love the dividends.

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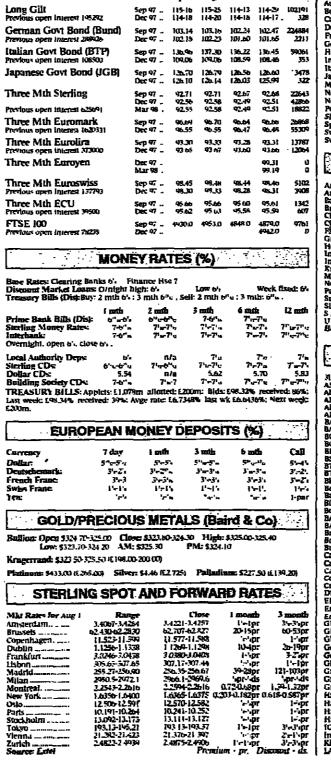
COVENT GARDEN, the. mecca of buskers and street performers, has taught Tradepoint the importance of know your act stinks. Its elecwas set up in September 1995. EDITED BY CARL MORTISHED

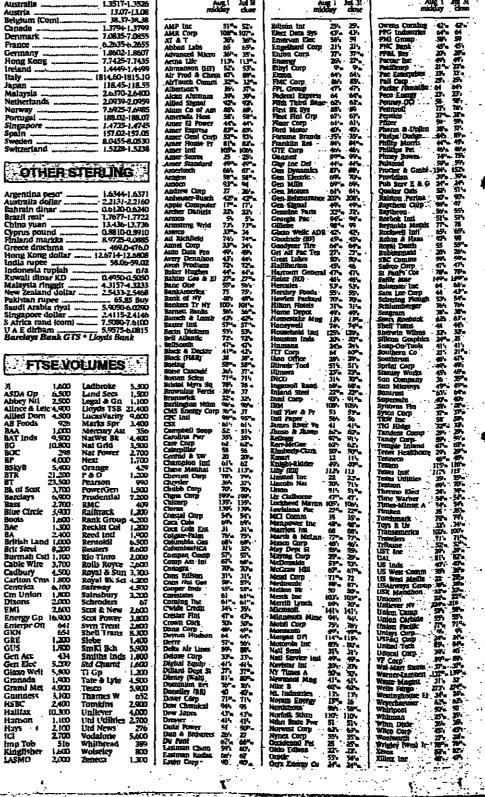
and has attracted few customers; in June it processed just 463 trades. With losses running at £500,000 a month and a tiny market share, the prospect of a profit seems as

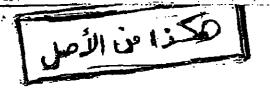
distant as ever. Yet Tradepoint has its fans. Venture capitalists Apax Partners and Electra Fleming injected Ell.4 million into the company as if teetered onthe edge of bankruptcy. That should keep the balliffs at bay. Meanwhile, three directors have departed giving new board member Stanislas Yassukovich, former deputy change, a chance of find a strategy for Tradepoint that might take business from the former employer.

Equally important is a £2.5 of the City's leading inter broker dealers. This could give Tradepoint enough critical mass to survive longer term hanging on even when you and a chance to pull a rabbit out of this threadbare hat.

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DOUBLE TROUBLE 29

The couple who were gazumped twice in a row

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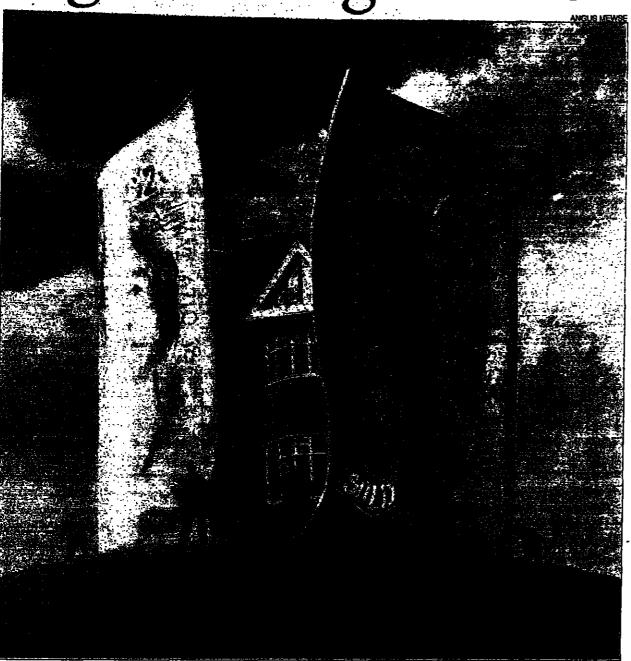
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PARSONAL FINANCE NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Sara McConnell says tardy lenders and local authorities are accused of causing longest delays

Agents urge action to end gazumping



ties of opening the way to gazumpers by failing to turn round mortgage applications and searches quickly enough and causing long delays in house-buying.

Hitting back at critics who accuse estate agents of encouraging gazumping - rejecting an accepted offer in favour of a higher one — estate agents called on the Government to compel lenders to process mortgage applications in two weeks and to "sort out" local

authorities. Lorna Vestey, a partner at Knight Frank, the international estate agent, said: "Lenders lack a culture of urgency and need to polish up their act. The same applies to local authorities. Solicitors can exchange contracts in hours if everything is there." She warned the longer the delay, the more opportunity sellers have to

Her criticisms come as ministers prepare to hold the first of a series of meetings next week to establish ground rules for a review of the house buying system in England and Wales. It will include proposals to stamp out gazumping and will monitor several cases, focusing on the role of solicitors, agents, lenders, the causes of delays and costs of

conveyancing. its election manifesto to tackle gazumping, which has returned particularly in London and the South East, Frustrated buyers have spent hundreds of pounds on valuations and legal fees only to find they have been passed over because another buyer is offering more. Agents say they are legally bound to pass on all

THE REAL COST OF MOVING

Defore buyers can exchange contracts and be certain of their property, they have to spend money on:

A valuation or survey. Lenders charge a fixed fee for a basic valuation. On a £100,000 three-bed semi this would be £120. A housebuyer's report would be £250+VAT and full survey £350-VAT.

A local authority search. Local authorities can charge what they like. On a £100,000 property, the average is £91.

Legal fees. These vary by region and cost of property. Gazumped bayers must pay for work already done. Quotes ranged from £199 to £351 across the country for buying a £75,000 house in Cumbria.

Mortispee set-markers.

■ Mortgage set-up fees. Securing a fixed-rate or discount deal costs about £250. Some booking fees are non-refundable if gazumped. Others are payable on completion and refundable if the deal fails.

Buvers who do exchange contracts will also have to pay:

■ Land Registry fees for transferring the property into their name These range from \$40 for properties up to \$30,000 to \$1,800 for properties of \$500,000 or more.

Stamp duty. Levied at 1 per cent of properties over £60,000, 1.5 per cert over \$250,000 and 2 per cent over \$500,000. Save money by ne-gotiating a lower price and buying fixtures and fittings separately. Removal costs. These vary from £188 on average for moving from a ground floor one bedroom flat to £530 for removal from a five bedroom detached house. Costs in Yorkshire & Humberside are half those in London.

Sellers will also have to pay:

■ Agents' fees. These range on average from £778 on a £25,000 property to £4.174 on a £200,000 home. Figures are for sole agency. Sources: Woolwich, Cumbria Trading Standards, RICS, London & Country Mortgages, Land Registry

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offers and claim they do not encourage gazumping.

Under the current system. neither side is bound by any agreement in England and Wales until contracts have been exchanged. It can often take months between making an offer and exchanging contracts. The Government is considering compelling buyers and sellers to put down a deposit, maybe 5 per cent of purchase price, which either side would forfeit by backing

which would cover the wronged" party's legal costs. Such agreements have long been championed by the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA).

But Hugh Dunsmore-Har-dy, NAEA chief executive, said a contract alone would not end gazumping. "It would pay compensation to cover legal costs incurred before gazumping or gazundering — where a buyer backs out if the seller refuses to lower the price". He argues that gazumping

out without good reason and **WEEKEND MONEY**

and visible results of an inefficient system where everyone sits back and waits for someone else to act. He said: "One cog slowing down slows down all the others. There are inher-ent delays in the system."

Mr Dunsmore-Hardy echoed Mrs Vestey's call for mortgage lenders to review their systems and said more lenders should adopt the practice of issuing mortgage certificates showing that they were prepared to lend a certain

amount on principle.
The Council of Mortgage
Lenders agreed that lenders could do more but argued that they were not the biggest cause of delay. The big problem is chains and finding a way to break them". CML rejected accusations that lenders lacked urgency. "We've found there is a real culture of competition".

etermined gazumpers will not be deterred by threats of compensation for legal costs, particularly in London where property is in short supply and buyers will pay high prices. But you can speed the buying process to cut the likelihood of being gazumped.

Get a loan organised before you find a property. Give lenders all the necessary documents including payslips, ac-counts and references.

■ Contact a solicitor before seeking a property and tell them you want to move fast when you find a place to buy. If there are delays on local authority searches ask if you

can do a personal search. Do not assume everyone works flat out for you. Ask constantly about progress.

Twice gazumped, page 29

housebuyers, seething at delays and gazumping, have long cast envious looks over the border where Scots sign on the dotted line when their offer is accepted.

Earlier this year ministers briefly flirted with extending the Scottish system to the rest of the UK. But the grass is not always greener, say those who have to operate under the Scottish system. There can be a lot of expense and stress before the deal is done.

Under the Scottish system buyers declare their interest in a property through a "note of interest" to the agent. They are then told the closing date by which offers must be received. Before the closing date they have to arrange and pay for surveys and searches on the property. Often there is no fixed price and buyers are bidding in the dark against rivals. If their offer is accepted, it becomes binding and

Scottish and US systems have their flaws too

the high street at home.

Once a seller has accepted the offer, buyers immediately

sign a contract, normally in the realtor's office. They then

pay a deposit of roughly 10 per cent of the purchase price into

an escrow account held by a

bank or other regulated body.

Escrow accounts are bonded

under federal law so that

buyers can get their money back if anything goes wrong.

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. But the system has two big access to Multiple Listing disadvantages. If a bid fails, Services, databases of properbuyers will have spent money on searches and surveys for nothing. Even if the bid succeeds, buyers who have not yet sold their existing property may have to take out an expensive bridging loan.
According to the National
Association of Estate Agents,
gazumping is still possible.

Other critics of the English system look to the US where buyers and sellers also sign binding contracts as soon as the offer is made. Real estate agents have to be qualified The contract specifies a clos-ing date (completion date) in the same way as in the UK. Standard contracts contain let-out clauses in case of problems over loans or structural faults in the property. But there are some danger

areas for buyers, said Ben Stagg, partner in Gold-schmidt & Howland, the London agent and a qualified Cal-ifornia real estate salesman. regulator. Most of them have Not doing a thorough title search before buying could ty on the market locally and mean unpaid loans emerge nationwide. This saves the that were secured on the familiar traipse up and down

property by previous owners. Mr Stagg said: "1 have known deals where loans were outstanding months after someone moved in. Title searches are complex because all loans have to be searched to check there is nothing outstanding". Most US mortgage lenders demand title insurance, which pays out if the seller does not have good title.

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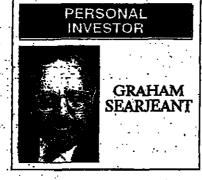
BT is stuck on the hook

ust as members of British Telecom's two million legion of shareholders thought we could relax, things are going wrong again. The group's fraught talks with MCI, its American partner, are going round in ever-increasing circles. Uncertainty is here to stay, whether the merger first agreed last November goes ahead, is renegotiated or even aborted.

From the election to the Budget, BT shares suffered agonies over the windfall tax, which might have cost nothing if based on returns or billions if based on size. On the formula chosen, the impost on BT was somewhere down the middle, causing much relief. BT shares shot up 10 per cent. Since MCI's unbudgeted troubles unfolded a week later, they have fallen 15 per cent, or £5 billion. Efforts have been made to justify that

fall by cold calculation. Friends in the City want to give BT ammunition to renegotiate its generous offer for America's second biggest long-distance telephone company. Clever as the sums are, however, they do not add up. Essentially, MCI is losing about £250 million a year more than expected trying to break into protected markets of the vast local US monopolies that can now attack its markets. The fall in BT shares echoes the patter of cold feet in the City. limbering up to run away from the deal.

Worrying as this is, the MCI advenpure has to be seen in the wider and scarcely sunnier context of BT's forrunes. These are reflected in its share price, which is about the same as four years ago and was mostly lower in between. By comparison, the FTSE 100 This is not an acceptable prospect for strap in for a bumpy ride.



share index has risen about 70 per cent over the period, as have shares in rival Cable & Wireless group.

This stagnation is the work of Oftel. BT's domestic regulator has forced ever sharper price cuts on BT's UK utility business, while at the same time doing everything it can to encourage competitors and to prevent BT from responding. Even in a growing market, the twin pressures of falling prices and falling market share are now showing.

In the first quarter of BT's new financial year, turnover and profits were flat, even though the volume of international and domestic telephone calls was up about 8 per cent on a year ago. And competitors cut BT's residential lines at an annual rate of 212 per cent.

These twin pressures will continue. Quite simply, if BT does much better, its regulator will think he has failed and impose harsher meaures. No wonder

shareholders, or for any competent, reaout of this bind, BT has to go abroad and become predator rather than incumb-ent. This is a far riskier business even than competing with BT at home. On the Continent and, as it turns out, in America, the playing field is not tilted to help newcomers as in Britain. They must toil uphill facing volleys of arrows from castles commanding the high ground. But there is a consensus that telecoms, like airlines, will end up as a global market dominated by a few competitors. BT virtually has to join in.

CI, having grown big in America attacking AT&T's long-distance monopoly, looked an ideal partner to help to take on the rest of the world. But an MCI/BT merger was always going to be difficult. And BT was warned by observers of the US market that MCI was in trouble in its core business, let alone its new one.

BT's culture is diametrically different from MCI's. Indeed, the merger may in part have arisen because BT, then a 20 per cent holder, did not know what its partner was up to. To make matters worse, BT would be the senior partner, yet MCI's culture would have to prevail for the merger to achieve its ends. BT's loss of confidence in its partner, and investors' loss of confidence in BT's top management will not help. Whatever happens, BT must face far bigger trading risks in future, because the regulatory risk at home is now too high. This is probably not the moment for long-time investors to jump off, but

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Billions of pounds have been invested by investment trust managers in Hong Kong

Shakeout time in investment trusts

lemings, one of the UK's biggest investment trust managers, this week heralded the start of what promises to be a shakeout in the £50 billion investment trust industry.

In a hid to reduce the discount on its Far Eastern fund from the current level of 8.83 per cent, the investment house proposes to remodel the trust. By giving the trust's 12,500 shareholders an opportunity to exchange their holdings into a Japanese unit trust. another Asian investment trust or into cash, the investment house hopes to pacify institutional shareholders who have been expressing concern about the performance of the trust. Its biggest institutional shareholders include Standard Life, AMP and the Prudential.

Analysis in the investment trust sector believe that moves to restructure this trust could be followed by other similar moves in the industry. Since the beginning of the Seventies, each time discounts in investment trusts build up, the industry finds a way to bring them down again. At the start of the Seventies, discounts were narrowed by the introduction of savings plans. which meant that they benefited from a regular supply of

If a trust is trading at a discount to net asset value. shareholders cannot get the true value of their holdings if Investors in

this sector are becoming restive

over the size

of discounts, says Caroline Merrell

they choose to sell their shares. Discounts widened again at the end of the Eighties after the stock market crash.

Peter Walls. Credit Lyonnais investment trust analyst, said: "The second half of the Eighties was characterised by rationalisation. After the market crash at the end of 1987. markets were down and discounts widened. They reached 24.6 per cent in August 1988. compared with 12 per cent

e added that the trusts provided a happy hunting for arbitrageurs looking for attractive discounts. The rationalisation means that the supply was taken out of the sector and by February 1994, the discounts had fallen to 4.1 per cent.

It was at this time that many unit trust houses decided to move into the investment trust market, as M&G. Perpetual, Kleinwort Benson and Mercury unveiled invest-

now at a big discount. Discounts may be nar-rowed for a third time by a spate of unitisations of investment trusts. The open-ended nature of unit trusts allows investors to sell their holdings at net asset value.

Mr Walls pointed out that remarkably the discounts had widened considerably over the past few months despite markets in some areas of the world reaching record levels. He claimed that if markets were suddenly to fall the discounts could be even wider. He said: "Corporate ag-gressors could have a chance

of stepping in." Hermes, the pension fund manager, has criticised investment trusts for not tackling the discount problem. It claimed many boards of trusts did not exert sufficient independence from the investment companies that managed the money. However, if there is to be a

hig restructuring of the investment industry it will come at a price. Speaking at the annual meeting of the Flemings Far Eastern Investment Trust this week, Lord Mark Fitzalan Howard, chairman of Flemings, admitted the costs of the restructuring could reach E2.5 million - representing 0.5 per cent of net asset value. Shareholders questioned the board about the costs, and the capital gains tax implications of the deal. Flemings said there would be extra tax to pay.

hen elderly people sell up their homes and move into a residential or nursing home. they often need to draw on their capital and assets to meet their expenses. But as one reader of The Times has discovered, banks and building societies are not always helpful when it comes to smoothing the process. David Quilley has been trying to

find an interest-bearing investment account that will allow his mother to transfer capital by standing order into a current account.

His mother has recently moved into residential home and is selling her apartment. Although she has previously been able to meet her expenses from pensions and investment income. the extra cost of the residential home means she now needs to draw on the money raised through the sale of her home to fund the fees of £500 a month.

Mr Quilley says his mother has a current account with Alliance & Leicester Giro, but the bank's investment accounts do not offer a standing order service. He said: "They have an investment account which could transfer monthly interest to her current account, but that would be insufficient for her needs.

They have other accounts which give instant access or require 90 days' notice, but both of these require action by the investor on each occasion, and the bank is not interested in a standing request. This must be a problem for many elderly people, particularly if they are not very mobile or no longer adept at administration."

The problem encountered by Mr Quilley and his mother is common to many banks and building societies. Although many investment accounts allow regular transfer of interest to other accounts, most do not encourage the withdrawal of capital, particularly on a regular basis.

Both Barclays and Midland recommended that the money be kept in notice accounts, requiring the account holder to inform the bank in advance when money is needed. Lloyds Bank

capital sums Jill Insley finds building societies are not

to transfer

as good as other savings institutions when regular movement of capital is required

suggested its Instant Savings or Instant Gold investment accounts, on the basis that the account holder can request transfers over the telephone. However, this would mean that Mr Quilley's mother would have the inconvenience of switching her current account from Alliance & Leicester Giro to Midland.

Chris Page, a spokesman for Lloyds, said: "The reason we don't offer standing orders and direct debits on investment accounts is to keep the cost of running the account down. This allows us to keep the interest rate on the account high.

Even products designed specifically for the elderly, such as National Savings Pensioners Guaranteed Income Bonds, do not allow ready access to cash. These pay a fixed rate of 7 per cent gross on investments from £500 to

But the bonds last for five years, and anyone who wants to withdraw money early must give 60 days' notice. No interest is paid on the sum being withdrawn during that period. Imme-

diate withdrawals result in 90 days'

loss of interest. 4.3 per cent gross on balances of £25,000 or more.

Cheque Account is more flexible. allowing account holders with balances of £5,000 or more to set up monthly transfers for a fixed amount into any current account.

charges for credits, withdrawals or direct debits.

Law, the retirement specialist financial adviser, said that the capital could disappear quite quickly if too much is withdrawn each month. He suggests that, depending on her state of health, Mr Quilley's mother should consider

However, the Halifax allows account holders to set up standing orders to transfer capital from its investment accounts into its own current account. The Halifax Liquid Gold account pays

Kleinwort Benson's High Interest

It also pays a higher interest rate of 6 per cent gross. The account incurs no loss of interest for withdrawals, has no minimum notice period, and no

Charles Levett-Scrivener of Towry

No easy way impaired life annuity. Annuities pay a regular, predeter-mined income to the investor for the

using part of her capital to buy an

rest of his or her life. The rate of income is influenced by prevailing interest rates when the annuity is bought. As interest rates are quite low now, it is not a good time to buy

However, impaired life annuities pay a higher rate of income than normal annuities on the basis that an existing illness or condition is expected to shorten the annuitant's lifespan.

If she is in a good state of health, Mr Quilley'smother could buy a withprofits bond. This is a lump sum nvestment into a life office's withprofits fund. It increases in value once year when bonuses are declared. and, once a bonus has been allocated, cannot be taken away or reduced.

An investor can draw income from a bond by cashing in part on demand. Up to 5 per cent of the sum originally invested can be encashed as income free of basic rate tax each year for 20 years. The 5 per cent is known as a cumulative allowance, which means that, if part or all of the allowance is not used, it can be transferred to another tax year.

nce again there are possible drawbacks. Some insurance companies reserve the right to apply a penalty if the investor with-draws a large amount when market conditions are poor.

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Axa, for example, applies an exit penalty to withdrawals of 7.5 per cent

more of the initial investment. If the investor dies, the insurance company pays out the current market value of the bond to the investor's estate. But Mr Levett-Scrivener points out that, if this happens within the first few years, the bond's value will be reduced by set-up charges. "Taking a medium-term view, a with-profits bond should outperform the deposits."

Long-term care, page 33



The high cost of living in residential accommodation has forced many elderly people to eat into the capital that they had intended to bequeath

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The free market and gazumpers

he British obsession with home ownership and a nat-ional shortage of land and housing means gazumping is inevita-ble. It becomes widespread when, as at present, demand for homes outstrips supply. In a free market, purchasers are entitled to submit rival bids, and the moral dilemma of whether to reject the lower offer rests with the seller.

It is ironic that government propos-als to stamp out gazamping will have little effect on London and the South East, where the practice is rampant. Property prices in the capital are so high that the threat of having to pay a few hundred pounds more for the un-successful purchaser's legal fees will be insufficient to discourage most rival bidders.

If the Government really wanted to. help housebuyers, it should resist the temptation to rush out populist legislation on the issue of gazumping



COMMENT

MARIANNE CURPHEY Personal Finance Deputy Editor

alone and instead examine the whole system of how homes are bought and sold in this country.

Currently, the cost of searches by local authorities is not standardised. nor is there any pressure on authorities to process searches efficiently. Lenders are also guilty of contributing to delays: banks and building societies frequently take two weeks to arrange a a valuation.

However, buyers and sellers them seives are also to blame. In the process of negotiating a sale or pur-

chase people allow their better nature to be distorted by greed. Only wide-ranging legislation will change the process in which the buyer plays a game of bhuff in the hope of a higher offer and the seller schemes to force the price down.

Policies poser

TRADING secondhand endowment policies has collectively earned mar-ket makers million of pounds over the past decade. Voices both within

warning that individual savers are overpaying, perhaps by 20 per cent. It has been a sellers' market. A finite number of policies is available and carpethaggers have bought withprofits endowment policies of mutual life companies hoping for a windfall as well as growth.

Some market-makers have raised their prices accordingly. Individuals who buy at auction often pay the highest prices, because they have little information on which to judge the worth of the endowment they are buying.

Investors are given the maturity value of a fund based on bonus rates remaining constant. However, life companies hint that rates could fall again this year. The Personal Investment Authority, which is reviewing the situation, needs to ensure investors are given a range of predictions.

Watch the small print in inheritance tax plans

A riyone hoping to pass on a valuable property or estate as part of inheritance tax planning needs to look very carefully at the small print of the arrange-ment after the Inland Revenue's successful closure of a loophole in inheritance tax

The Court of Appeal ruling on a case brought by the heirs of Lady Ingram this week affects those with large estates. At the centre of the case is the arrangement by which the late Lady Ingram transferred the freehold of her family estate in Berkshire to a trust of which her children and grandchildren were beneficiaries. Lady Ingram leased the property back and lived at the house rent-free until her death

It was hoped that inheri-

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Clare Stewart reports on a Revenue victory that may have implications for those passing on estates

the freehold value of the house but on the lower value of the remaining lease at the time of Lady Ingram's death

This was disputed by the Inland Revenue on the grounds that Lady Ingram continued to benefit from living in the property. According to the 1986 Fi-

nance Act, where a donor contimues to enjoy some benefit from the asset it is defined as "a gift with reservation" and therefore subject to inheritance tax.

In 1995 a High Court ruling supported the Ingram family's claim, but this was overturned last week by the Court of tance tax would be paid not on Appeal, leaving the Ingram

estate facing a tax bill that could run to several hundred thousand pounds.

Charles Russell, the firm of solicitors representing the Ingram family, is now consider-ing its next move. "We may not make a decision until September," said Catriona Syed, a partner at Charles Russell. An appeal to the House of Lords is

Quite how many people could be caught out if the Inland Revenue view prevails is unclear. Ms Syed estimates could be "thousands" though other tax advisers are more cautious. "Only the very brave did

means of reducing the inheritance tax liability. These include parents handing over the freehold and moving out, alternatively leasing back the

house at a market rent. Maurice Fitzpatrick, tax partner at Chantrey Vellacott, such a scheme because it is gave warning that it is impor-

very chancy," said Russ Stan-

field, private client tax partner

London. "We would advise it

only as a last resort because it

is not something you can test

before the donor dies, which

might be some time in the

There are a number of

options to consider if families

want to pass on property as a

future."

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too low or you could be seen to have retained some benefit. "It may mean that you err on the side of caution and pay too

Other alternatives proposed by Catriona Syed include parents retaining the freehold but granting a 999-year lease to their children that takes effect in perhaps 15 or 20 years. As the years pass the value of the parents' lease diminishes, as the value of the freehold is effectively passed to the child-ren. Ms Syed also suggests that taking out life assurance to offset the estimated tax bill

could also be considered. But all of these routes can be complicated. The received wisdom from a number of advisers is to think carefully about using the family home in any way as a means of cutting inheritance tax liabilities.

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Gazumped twice by vendors 'who don't do that sort of thing'



imon Evans and Louise Coxon thought that being gazumped on one property was bad enough. Weeks later, however, they were gazumped

Mr Evans and Ms Coxon went to view a two-bedroom warehouse conversion in Fulham, west London, a month ago. Their estate agent had given them the of the house who actually showed them round. They they immediately offered the asking price of £215,000.

first-time buyers and had our mortgage agreed. I said I didn't want to be gazumped or go through any wrangling and the seller that sort of thing either".

which the seller accepted.
Mr Evans said: We were

said he wasn't interested in But nine days later, Mr Evans' solicitor received a His explanation was that he letter saying the seller was not going ahead because he had accepted a higher offer of £220,000. The offer had him to offer an extra £1,000.

tate agent, making Mr Evans suspect that the seller sure from him.

Mr Evans volunteered to match the higher offer but the seller refused, saying Mr. Evans's rival was a cash

Forced back to square one, the couple went to see the house next door in the details but it was the owner same development, on offer with a different agent. Mr Evans said: "The agents liked the property so much claimed they never encouraged gazumping and said that, once they had the offer, that was that." The couple offered the £210,000 asking price, which was accepted.

But a week later, when his solicitor had still not received the contract, Mr Evans rang up the agent and discovered that another buyer had offered £3,000 more. "The agent went all quiet. was under an obligation to put forward other viewers." Mr Evans's solicitor advised

The Times went to press, the deal on the second house valuation fees on the abortive first property because they were gazumped so

But they will have to pay a proportion of the solicitors fees, which would have been £450 if the deal had gone through. This is on top of the cost of buying the second property: According to the Woolwich's recent survey on moving costs, these could add up to about £3,500 (see page 27). Mr Evans condemned the

system of housebuying in England and Wales. The whole system stinks. It's amazing how anyone man-Once an offer is accepted, no one should be allowed to pull out without financial penalty and that should be proportionate to the value of the property."

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THE WAY

Nathan Yates gives a timely reminder of a little task for the holidays

Self-assessment deadline is nearer than you think

he initial deadline for the return of self-assessment forms is looming and the Inland Revenue has been conducting a high-profile advertising campaign to remind taxpayers. If you want the Inland Revenue to calculate your tax for you, you must send back your completed form by September 30.

Once the deadline is passed, you will have to do your own calculations, or pay an accountant to do them for you, if you are to be sure of obtaining a correct tax bill on time. And if you wait beyond January 31, 1998, you will face an automatic £100 fine.

The best way to avoid these pitfalls is to get to grips with the self-assessment form well before the deadline. You may also find when you begin sorting out your affairs that you need extra pages, for example for self-employment, which you need to request from the Inland Revenue. These will take a couple of days to arrive.

The first step in tackling the documents is to assemble all the necessary records, which include evidence of any claims made. In addition, Po0 statements of income, PHD forms relating

arly fishing tackle and piscatorial memorabilia is increasingly mov-

ing from dusty tackle rooms

and lodges of great houses to

the auction room. Fishing articles are now much sought

after both by collectors and

by antique dealers who sell

them on to interior designers. Reels, in highly polished

hardwoods or brass or nickle-

plated brass, are particularly

collectable. Early fixed-spool

examples, such as the Illing-

worth No I from 1905, have

risen from £220 eight years ago to £600 loday at auction.

Condition, however, is a big

factor. A rare 412 in Featherstone patent bird-cage brass

reel in excellent order made £1.050 plus 15 per cent buyer's

premium at Bonhams in

April 1996. The same firm

offers one in not such a good

state on Wednesday at its

Knightsbridge. London. sale

A Hardy Mark II alloy

trout fly reel can make £150.

up from £44-£90 in 1989. Sim-

ilarly, a Hardy salmon reel

from 1905 has risen from £55

nine years ago to between

£200 and £250 today. There is

a revival in centrepin reels

and old split-cane rods, says

Christopher Hewitt of Bon-

with a £350 estimate.

to employee benefits and bank statements showing interest on deposit accounts must all be filed.

For many of the 8.5 million taxpayers affected by self-assessment, this will be the most time-consuming part of the process. Accurate records are particularly important for those with complex affairs such as the self-employed, and it is worth bearing in mind that the Revenue will be auditing 8.000 tax returns this year at random. Those failing to keep records in a business-like way will be charged interest and

surcharges and may be fined.

If some of your records are missing, you will need to find replacements. You have been legally required to keep accounts since April b, 199b, and even when the form is completed, you must not throw any of these details away. The Revenue policy on self-assessment is "process now, check later", and an inquiry into your 1996-97 return could be opened without particular cause for suspicion at any point before February 1999. You are legally required to keep records until January 31, 1999, or until January 31, 2003, if you run a business or have income from letting property.

Once your accounts have been assembled, the next step is to make sure your form includes all the relevant pages. The basic form has only eight pages, but this will only cover those with straightforward affairs such as pensioners with few investments. Most people will need supplementary pages. For example, an employee will need an extra two pages, and extra pages must also be completed if you make capital gains or losses, receive dividends or inherit money. If you have not received the additional pages you need, they can be obtained by calling the Inland Revenue order line on 0645 000 404.

In order to minimise the likelihood of being selected for inspection, avoid taking short cuts when filling in the form. Do not leave any parts of the form blank. If you are forced into making an estimate, make sure you tick the box indicating that you have done so, and make your means of arriving at the figure as plain as possible. Remember that incomplete returns will not be accepted. If you had benefits in kind such as a company car, you will need to put down a figure for

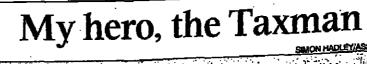
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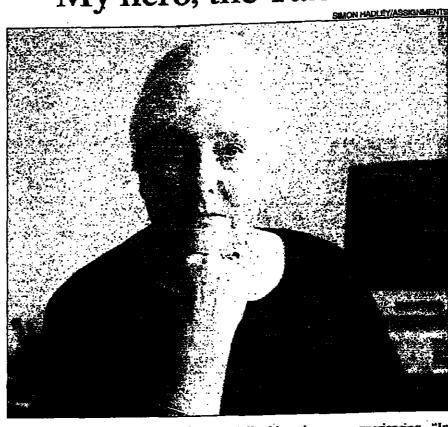
or "as PAYE".

If a large portion of your liability is not paid as you earn, it could be a good idea to start putting cash aside so that you can settle your account for 1997-98 next January 31. Those unable to settle on time will face interest charges on their balance, and those still unable to pay 1997-98 tax by February 28, 1999, will be liable for an automatic 5 per cent surcharge.

If you have any queries about self-

assessment, you can ring your own tax office during office hours at the number printed on the form. In the evenings or at the weekend you can call the Inland Revenue helpline on 0645 000 444. If your affairs are highly complicated, it may be advisable to seek help from an accountant, and the Chartered Institute of Taxation and the Institute of Chartered Accountants can provide lists of their members. Help with self-assessment is also available from the Tax Team (0800 393 520), with fees starting at £75, and from the Royal Bank of Scotland TaxCheck Service, which charges a minimum of £95.





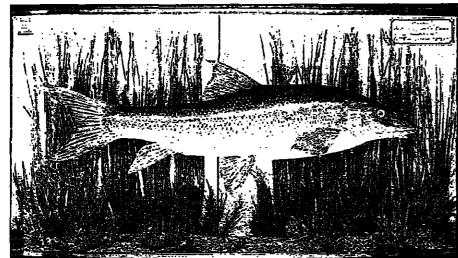
BARBARA ALCOCK filled in her selfassessment form early and has already received a refund for the tax which she overpaid last year.

She only left one box blank, and wrote a letter to her tax inspector to explain the

difficulties she was experiencing. "In contrast with the rather frightening image that the Inland Revenue has traditionally had, I have always found that the office was very helpful and patient with my inquiries," she said.

Conal Gregory swaps the joys of the river bank for some big catches around the salerooms

Reeling in a whopping investment



hams. An Allcock Aerial 3½ in centrepin reel from the 1920s makes £100-£120, up from £33-£50 in 1988. Even more dramatic, a 3in six-spoke ebonite drum reel by the

same maker has risen from £95 eight years ago to £500 plus at auction and £1,200 with a dealer.

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In some cases demand has pushed bids to more than

double the reserve price. Phillips secured £4,600 in late July for a Hardy brass first pattern reei, although its estimate had been £2,000-£2,500.

In rods, a 7ft "Little Gem"



A small barbel, mounted by Gibson in 1886, left, should make about £1,400-£1,000, while carved wooden salmon are a rising market and can today bring in £1,500

trout rod, by Allcocks, can make £120. A classic carp rod, such as by A. B. James & Son and designed by Richard Walker, the British champion fisherman, has risen from

E80 in 1988 to £700 today.

Carved and painted fish, mounted on board, are rising.

Christie's in Glasgow sold a 47in long salmon dated 1927

trout rod, by Allcocks, can for £805 in April. Prices can and hence, value. Two exam-

reach £1,500.

Cased fish depend on two factors for their price size (small ones are preferred by interior decorators for kitchens and bathrooms) and the name of the taxidermist. The detail of the fisherman, weight, date and location are

crucial to the provenance

and hence, value. Two examples from Wednesday's sale at Bonhams illustrate the diversity in price, both of a cased barbel: an 1866 fish of 11lb is expected to realise £300-£500 but a smaller, below 21bs, 1886 one mounted among a background of reeds, should make £1,400-£1,600. They were preserved

by the firms of Cole and Gibson respectively. But the company to look for is J. Cooper & Sons of London.

Cooper & Sons of London.
Old spoons, Devon minnows and other lures that have survived encounters with sunken logs and riverbottom boulders is the area tipped to grow. Little has been published about spinners but the Best of British Baits by Chris Sandford is expected to send prices upward. Until recently auctions included lures in general lots but interesting examples can now fetch £150 apiece.

Books on fishing, particularly with good illustrations, can be delightful. Couch's A History of the Fishes of the British Islands (1877) in four volumes made £400 at Phillips last week, while the fifth edition in full hide from 1802 of T. Best's A Concise Treatise on the Art of Angling secured £550. Finally, if you extend fishing interests to art. three painters of style are sought after. Geddes, Rolfe and Russell. Good still life pictures of salmon or trout by John Russell from 1870-80 made £960-£1,550 five years ago. Today prices have moved to £3,000-£4,500 — a good catch indeed.

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Gavin Lumsden says fee-based university education will make saving even more vital for parents

Learning to a different tune

Paying for children's education used to be the preserve of wealthy parents. Last week the Government shattered the remains of that illusion when it announced it was considering the abolition of student grants and the levying of university fees on students.

If implemented, these two mea-

sures will force millions of parents to start additional financial planning. According to Sir Ron Dearing, who led the Government's higher educa-tion review which recommended the changes, the cost of a three-year degree course is set to rise to £8,000. Annual living expenses for a student living away from home are about £5,000. A third of all school leavers are expected to go on to college or university this year, a proportion which the Government plans to increase substantially.

The Government is proposing that

all these students rely on low-cost loans instead of the awkward mixture of grants, loans and overdrafts which currently makes up their finances. Many parents, however, will want to get involved rather than see their children graduate deep in debt. Most students already rely on their

parents to survive through college. According to a survey by Barclays Bank. 37 per cent of the 875,000 students in higher education cite their parents as their main source of income with nearly three quarters receiving some money from parents.

Meanwhile, the spectre of Govern-

ment reform is also hovering over the parents who send 600,000 children to be privately educated Private, or independent, schools benefit from significant tax concessions as a result of their charitable status. The Labour Party, which pioneered the comprehensive education system in this country, has always been uneasy with what it views as a subsidy for private education.

It has considered withdrawing this status, a move that would increase school fees by an average 6.5 per cent, according to the Friends of Independent Schools, a pressure group. Some financial advisers fear the Government could go further and levy VAT on school fees. Product providers are not actively responding to either of these threats although they admit it would require parents to salt even more money away. They are hoping that new Labour, which has diluted its commitment to reform in its past two election manifestos, will not proceed.

Whatever the outcome, there is little doubt that many parents are going to be faced with an educational bill in future. However, there is no As with any kind of financial plan-



Music involves extra fees at most schools and to reach the top level the burden on parents can be very high

ning, the earlier you start to plan, the better your chances of building up a useful sum of capital. Peter Harrison willing to take and then choose a of Whitehead and Partners, a Manmystique to how you prepare for this. chester adviser specialising in school fees planning, recommends people

product that gives you the most

Charles Levett-Scrivener, associate

director at Towry Law, an independent financial adviser, effectively agrees. Planning years in advance when your children are still young is sensible, he says, but means you will

mortgages and other financial com-mitments mean the family budget is

If you do not want to risk your money on the stock market, or if you have only a few years to save, a building society account is probably your best option. However, if you are planning early both our advisers recommend the much-maligned with-profits endowment policies. These combine investment in the stock market with life and insurance cover, both of which the parents will need. Equity investment provides better long-term returns which should build up a lump sum by the

time the children enrol at college.
With-profits policies also smooth out the volatile performance of the stock market so that even if your policy ends in a bad year all is not lost. At the same time these endowments contain waiver of premium and critical illness options which will ensure the premiums are paid should you fall sick or lose your job.

With-profits endowments got a deservedly bad reputation a few years ago when it was revealed how much insurance companies took in charges, particularly in the first few years. However, companies such as Standard Life, Scottish Widows, Generai Accident and Commercial Union now spread their charges over the length of the contract, which means you will get more of your money back if you do cash in the policy early.

ersonal equity plans lack the smoothing facility of endowments. Their use of an annual management charge (typically 1-1.5 per cent) related to the value of the funds means they are not necessarily cheaper than endowments in the long term. However, the combination of equity growth in a tax-free environment is very attractive if you are prepared to rise and fall with the stock market. SFIA Investment Advisers offer a Pep Education Plan starting at £50 a month linked to six investment funds run by established management groups Foreign & Colonial, Henderson Investors and Mercury Asset Management. It also includes life and critical illness cover.

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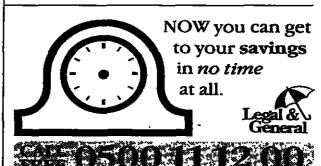
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Why advisers aren't with the Woolwich

Tirtually every bank, insurance company has issued some sort of investment bond in the past few months. MoneyFacts, the monthly guide to investment rates, currently lists morethan 100 different bonds. So any new product hitting the shelves has to be very special

Jill Insley seeks advice on a guaranteed growth bond

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that it is added to the investor's money and earns interest at the same rate as the original while a £50,000 investment will return a total of £66,911. It sounds too good to be true.

But the return is not quite good enough to persuade independent financial advisers to recommend it. Douglas Gardner, of Thomson Financial Planning Consultants, said: "It's the type of vehicle we would advise clients to buy, but this one is not at all competitive. We would be more likely to use a bond from Hambros Assured, which is currently paying a compounded rate of 37.65 per cent over five years on £50,0000." This would produce £68.825 over five years, nearly £2,000 more than the Woolwich bond. Mr Gardner says he often

uses guaranteed growth

bonds in inheritance tax plans. Parents can "lend" money to a trust set up on behalf of their children. Any investment returns earned by this money while held in trust automatically belongs to the children rather than the parents, avoiding inheritance tax when the parents die.

Returns from these bonds are paid net of basic-rate income tax. Higher-rate tax payers are liable for extra tax on their returns. They should consider more tax-efficient investments before buying this type of product. Likewise, the bonds are not suitable for non-taxpayers, who are unable to reclaim the basic-rate tax al-

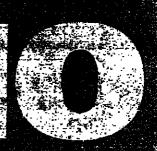
ready paid on the bond. Martin Mullany, of Brooks Macdonald Gayer, would not recommend a guaranteed growth bond unless the investor has used up his annual capital gains tax allowance.

Even then, he is more likely to recommend zero-dividend preference shares of a splitcapital investment trust. Zeros are low-risk shares offering a fixed capital return when the investment trust is wound up Anyone who exceeds their CGT allowance in the year

when the trust winds up would be liable for tax. But Mr Mullany says the returns on some zeros will be better than those paid by the bond even after tax. He recommends the Gartmore Shared Junior Zero Dividend Preference share, paying 7.7 per cent a year, compounded over the next four years. After basic rate tax this reduces to 6.9 per cent a year, still 0.9 per cent higher than the Woolwich

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Buy forward for the holidays

ith sterling gaining spectac-ularly in strength against the franc and the mark, is it buying currency now for holidays later? The pound is trading at about three marks for the first time since 1991 but some economists are now suggesting that sterling's strength will be transitory.

Those planning several foreign holidays in six to nine month's time can take advantage of favourable exchange rates now. However, they are faced with the dilemma of losing interest on their cash once it has been changed. While banks daily and collectively trade hundreds of millions of pounds on the foreign exchange markets, individual savers rarely hedge against movements in currencies. There are few facilities available for those who do.

Leading economists say the pound's current value is unsustainable. "Sterling has reached heady levels," said Patrick Moon, an economist with Lloyds TSB. "It is extremely volatile, and it might fall sharply. If people are trying to be prudent, they should change their holiday money

The most secure way to carry money is foreign currency travellers cheques. These can be bought from most high street banks and travel agents, and are less vulnerable to theft. Each cheque must be signed once at the point of purchase and again when it is cashed.

Barclays this week provided an extra incentive to use foreign currency travellers' cheques by halving its commission charges from 2 to 1 per cent. Under the terms of this special offer, which lasts until the end of September, Barclays will also buy back travellers' cheques at no charge. At NatWest, commission on foreign currency travellers' cheques is charged at 0.5 per cent or a minimum

Foreign currency bank accounts can also be used to make the best of exchange rates. Most high street banks allow you to open an account in any main currency. Francs, marks



or dollars may be stored as in a normal bank account, and withdrawn at a favourable time.

Foreign currency accounts are particularly useful for those who have overseas property or earnings. Account holders can avoid losing out in currency exchanges each time they make a transaction. Some banks. such as Barclays and NatWest, allow you to escape withdrawal charges if you debit your account electronically. for example when paying electricity bills. If you have a mortgage or other bills to pay in France, it may well be advisable to store up francs in a

owever, these accounts are less suitable for those wishing to lodge small amounts for a short period. Holidaymakers should take note that the small print penalties of foreign currency ac-

counts may cancel out exchange-rate gains. Many of these accounts require minimum balances which are beyond holiday budgets. At Barclays, the minimum balance is \$3,000 or its quivalent, and at Lloyds TSB the minimum is £5,000.

Midland's foreign currency current account is unusual in having no minimum balance requirement. But customers here face half-yearly charges of £35, a charge of £1.20 for

every cheque used and a 1 per cent fee each time you pay in or withdraw money. This could cancel out small gains made on exchange rates.

In addition, interest on a foreign currency balance is based on interest rates in the country concerned. In the case of many popular holiday destinations, these are not favourable to savers. Both NatWest and Midland pay a paltry 0.125 per cent on

Fight for windfalls intensified by carpetbagging Caroline Merrell says banks are losing out as savers switch cash

any of the UK's biggest banks and building societies this week moved to increase

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their interest rates after last month's rise in the base rate. The rises for savers were in many cases higher than the 0.25 per cent rise implemented

by the Bank of England. Over the next few months. the battle for billions of pounds worth of savings promises to hot up in earnest. as savers with the converted building societies switch their money in the hope of getting another windfall.

The societies committed to remaining mutual have the opportunity to prove their claim that they can offer enhanced savings rates and lower mortgage rates.

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dividends, they can afford to offer more competitive products. According to the Building Societies Association in the first quarter of 1997, the savings rates with committed mutuals were on average 0.68 per cent higher than those of converting institutions.

Among those to increase rates was the newly converted Halifax, and the Nationwide, now the UK's biggest building society. Both put up their rates for savers by up to 0.4 per cent. Despite Nationwide's increase in rates, its doors are still closed to new savers, because it has been overwhelmed by "carpetbaggers" hoping to get a possible share or cash windfall. The Nationwide will not

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say when it plans to reopen its doors. A spokesman said that He added: "It depends how long it takes to deal with the backlog of applications." The fight for the savings of

the nation has been intensified by the latest summer sport of "carpetbagging" — moving cash around in order to benefit from any possible windfall in the event of a takeover or

For many savers moving their money from one of the newly converted societies, such as the Halifax, Alliance & Leicester and Woolwich, to another mutual society is a good bet - they can benefit from better rates as well as any possible windfall.

This liquidity in the savings market was reflected in the latest figures from the Build-Societies Association. Nearly £2 billion was switched in to the societies in June: £1.3 billion was moved in to the Nationwide, which was then at the centre of speculation about conversion.

Losers in the battle for the UK savings market include the Abbey National, which converted to a bank eight years ago. This week it reported that savers had switched

E300 million from its accounts. The Abbey and the other Hardern, a freelance butler. and another four pro-conversion candidates who were hoping to get on to the Nationwide board to force it to convert, will mark the end of

speculation activity. However, this week strong bid rumours began to circulate around the Birmingham Midshires, which is also closed to new customers. A value of around £650 million has been put on the society which will pay a windfall of around £750.

The savings rate rises mean that, on an average balance of £3,000, the Halifax will now pay 3.7 per cent interest on its instant access account. The equivalent amount on instant access in the Nationwide will earn 3.5 per cent interest.

However, Nationwide's Invest Direct postal account now pays 6.6 per cent on balances of £3,000. Halifax does not offer a similar account. Abbey National will only pay 3.25 per cent on £3,000 on instant Woolwich, which converted

to a bank last month, in-

creased its rates by only 0.25 per cent. Its instant access account will now pay 3 per cent on a balance of £3,000. However, the best instant access rates continue to be offered by Sainsbury's and other newcomers to the banking market. Sainsbury's offers a rate of 6.15 per cent on its

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Investors pay '20% too much for endowments'

being overcharged by between 15 and 20 per cent when they buy secondhand endowment policies from life assurance companies, it was claimed this week. Actuaries and traders united to condemn intermediaries whom they claimed were guilty of overpricing with profit policies.

But some companies that buy and sell-endowments reacted angrily to sugges-tions that they were exploiting the popularity of secondhand policies.

Richard Ross, chairman of AAP, the trade association of market-makers, said: "The current price reflects the strength of demand and the weakness of supply. Whether or not the market is too high is a matter of personal opinion. Market-makers give an execution-only service and pro-vide no advice, leaving the

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pricing in the £240 million traded endowment industry was common and individual savers had no way of

said over-

calculating policy values.

The loa called on watchdogs to tighten up regulation to protect consumers. It wrote to Colette Bowe, chief executive of the Personal Investment Authority, asking for immediate action.

Demand for secondhand endowment policies has grown in the past five years. particularly those issued by life companies rumoured to be bid targets. These in-clude Friends Provident. Scottish Widows and Scottish Provident. Rather than surrender a policy, the original investor can sell an endowment to a marketmaker who finds a buyer. Market-makers only trade with-profits endowments

on an execution-only serv ice. Policies change hands for £9,000 on average.

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Peter McGurk, a partner in Barnett Waddingham, the London consulting actuary, and a member of the loA said: "About £20 million worth of these policies are being sold each year, many of them at 20 per cent or more above what we estimate to be a fair price. We would like the PIA to require life companies to give fairer projections of what the maturity value of the policy is likely to be."

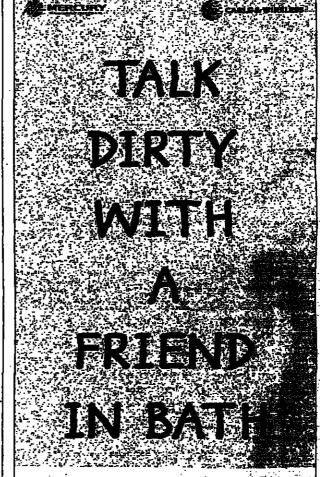
The PIA is currently conducting a review of the ind-Some observers would like the Lautro standardised growth forecasts of 5 and 10 per cent pa to be applied to policies when forecasting future growth. They say this would help investors to calculate whether they are overpaying for a policy. But Max Rosen,

director of Securitised Endowmerit Corntracts said investors were being charged between 15 and 20 per than the

contracts He said: "We would like investors to be given as much information as possible so that they can judge whether they are getting a lousy deal. We give potential buyers details of how their policy will perform if bonus rates remain the same, are cut, or are not

paid in future years." Most predictions of a policy's value are based on average discount rate. worked out by assuming current bonus rates stay the same for the policy's life. Both Mr Rosen and the IoA say this misleads. "You need to take a view on what interest and bonus rates will do in future and may need an adviser's help," Mr Rosen said.

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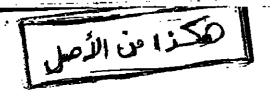
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Caroline Merrell says individuals face pressure to decide over compensation

Third pension warning comes too late for some

elen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, is becoming increasingly frustrated with those insurance companies dragging their heels in compensating the victims of pensions misselling. Last week for the third time in as many weeks, she attacked the industry, warning that, if companies had not made satisfactory progress on compensating victims by the autumn, she would take tough

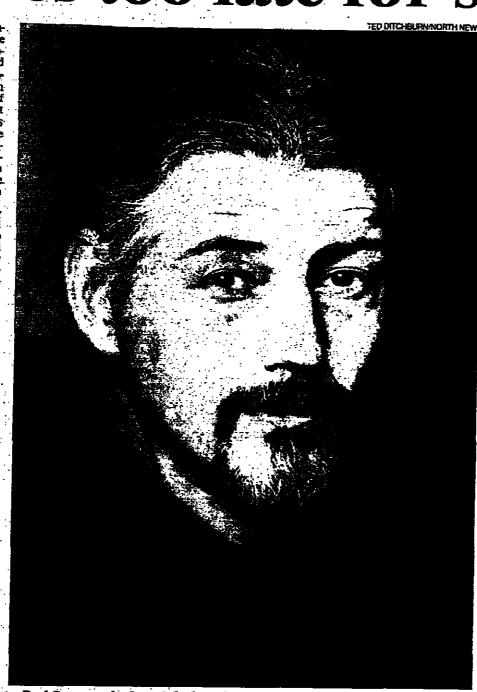
She has already strongly criticised Legal & General and Sedgwick over their attitude to compensation. Mrs Liddell also voiced concern that some companies were putting cli-ents under "unacceptable pressure" to settle.

I am worried about reports I have that some individuals are being put under unacceptable pressure to settle deals they are being offered by companies who mis-sold them pensions as a means of reducing their statistics," she said.

Under the Financial Services Act, Mrs Liddell has the power to stop companies trading. "I will rule nothing out. That means I will take account of the powers I already have. And, if new powers are required, I will not hesitate to seek a means of acquiring those new powers," she said. Only the regulating bodies such as the Personal Investment Authority and the Securities and Investment Board can fine companies.

However, Mrs Liddell's warning comes too late for some of the victims of the hard-sell tactics adopted by companies in the late Eighties and early Nineties. For instance, like many other local authority workers, Paul Greenwood was encouraged by a life insurance salesman to leave the local authority scheme to take out a personal pension. He said: "There was a lot of government advertising around saying that it was a good thing to do."

The salesman from Target Life was visiting everyone in his department. Mr Greenwood was encouraged to leave the superannuation scheme to invest in a E50 a month pension. Target Life was subsequently sold to Hill Samuel,



Paul Greenwood, who switched pensions, has not been compensated for distress

the merchant banking arm of Lloyds TSB. After taking out the pension in 1989, Mr Greenwood then retired due to ill health in 1992. He said: "After a five-year struggle during which I remained unemployed due to health problems, I managed to obtain a deal last year, in October to be precise. which basically involved being

returned to the local government superannuation scheme as if I had never left it and I received a lump sum of backdated pension and enhanced pension payments obviously denied to me for five years." Mr Greenwood has not been compensated for distress

caused by his circumstances. He said: "My dismay stems

did the firm involved mention to me that I could claim for compensation." According to Ringrose Wharton, a solicitor acting on

from the fact that at no time

behalf of more than 600 people who have been missold personal pensions, many of those receiving compensation payamounts of money they are receiving. Robert Wharton. Ringrose Wharton, said: "Anyone who gets an offer of compensation they do not understand should immediately write to the company to find out how it is worked out."

Under the terms of the regulations, those who have been missold persunal pensions have four weeks with which to accept the offer of compensation or they waive their right to it. Mr Wharton claimed that many companies were sticking to this mandatory limit.

Mr Greenwood received his £10,000 offer of compensation on November 12 and was told that he had to accept the offer by December 9. He said he was given no indication about how compensation was worked out, but Hill Samuel said it would withdraw the offer if he did not accept it. He was also forced to pay tax on the lump sum. He claims that if the pension had paid as it should have been done, he would not have paid tax.

ccording to the Inland Revenue, the compensation paid should put the person who has been missold a personal pension back in to the position they would have been if they had not bought the product in the

first place. Hill Samuel said that it was up to the pension scheme to which Mr Greenwood was being returned to sort out the compensation sum. It also said that it would consider paying additional compensation for any distress caused on a case-by-case basis.

According to the latest fig-ures, only 12,000 people from a possible total of 15 million have been compensated. Victims include many public sector workers, such as nurses, who were encouraged to leave lucrative company schemes, in favour of taking out personal

Mrs Liddell, the minister appointed by the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, to sort out the mess caused by the mis-selling of personal pensions, earlier this month began naming companies which were worst at sorting out compensation

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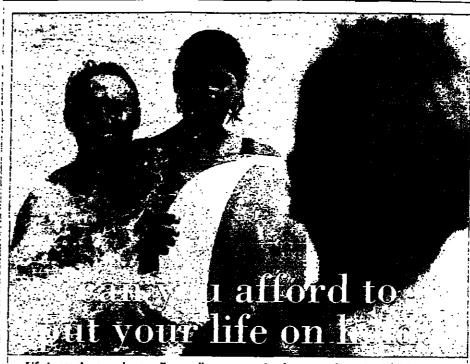
levels in June, rising by \$1.28 billion, helped by windfall payouts from building societies. The increases, which rowing, raised expectations

☐ Mortgage lending continues to climb as Bank of England figures showed a 27 per cent annual rise in new mortgage commitments in June. Data from the British Bankers Association showed that mortgage lending was up £2.5 billion, with bank lending to individuals at the highest levels since 1991.

☐ Tighter regulation for the sale of secondhand endowment policies was called for by the Faculty & Institute of Actuaries. The group is concerned that private investors are being overcharged by more than 20 per cent.

☐ An overhaul of the way houses are bought and sold in England and Wales was announced by the Government. The aim is to simplify selling practices, to reduce the time and costs, and cut out gazumping.

☐ Recommended retail prices for a range of electrical products are to be scrapped after a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry. The change is intended to bring down costs for consumers by encouraging price competition and increasing the supply of goods. ranging from fridges to video recorders, to more shops.



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Caring victory for the elderly

ty, has claimed victory after the Court of Appeal ruled this week that local authorities must pay all the nursing home costs of elderly people in their care whose capital £10,000. has fallen below

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ly people who need care in a residential or nursing home where fees can be as high as £350 and £500 a week. The judgment comes just a

month after the Office of Fair Trading launched an investiation into care homes amid fears that thousands of elderly news for the families of elder- people might be getting poor The OFT was also concerned that residents of these homes were being deprived of the right to manage their own

John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, said that the care home industry was worth at least £5 billion a year and catered for more than half a million residents in up to 20,000 homes.

He estimated that at least 25,000 new places would be required in homes within five years. Yet, despite its huge financial and social importance, the sector had never before been the subject of a review from the consumer's point of view.

Mr Bridgeman said: "Elderly people are amongst the most vulnerable consumers and in care homes they may be reliant upon others for all their needs. Many may not know what they can expect in terms of value for money or

The high cost of fees has led insurance companies to offer long-term care policies. However, these are expensive and benefits differ greatly between providers so it is often difficult to compare products.
The Government

pledged to establish a Royal Commission to look into the issue of providing nursing home care in the future, but there was no commitment made in the last Budget and any solution could be years

In the interim, if your resources total E10,000 to £16,000 you have to pay for a proportion of your care. For those with assets — and that includes property - worth more than £16,000, you have to foot the bill yourself.

Penny O'Nions, a GP and medical insurance broker, believes the optimum time to take out such a policy is between 65 and 70. She said: Below age 48 the premiums are no cheaper than between 48 and 55, and over age 70 the premiums become expensive."

She recommends that any one without children should also take out a policy, because the care provider will be able to intervene in any disputes you might have with the home you are staying in over quality

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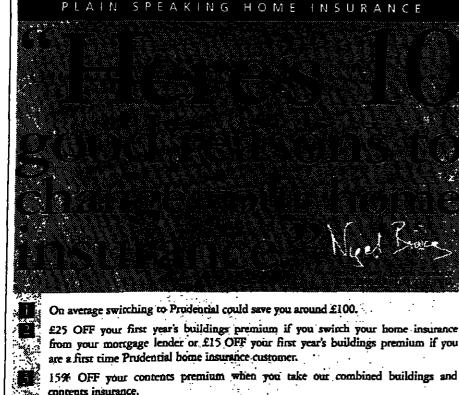
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Homebuyers face higher loan rates

ad news from the mort-gage market as many offering a five-year fix at 7.59 per cent. Among the Halifax's B gage market as many companies raised rates this week. Standard variable mortgage holders will feel the changes most as banks and building societies have raised

rates by at least 0.25 per cent. Bank of Ireland's standard variable rate was put up to 8.39 per cent, while Legal and General Bank, Halifax Mortgage Services and the Portman Building Society all rose to 8.2 per cent.

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Among the lenders still coming in below 8 per cent were First Direct which upped its rates to 7.7 per cent while Direct Line rose to 7.32 per

The Britannia Building Society put up its rates by 0.39 per cent to 7.99 per cent, while a clutch of smaller building societies also remain below 8

per cent.
These range from Surrey-based National Counties of-fering a rate of 7.79 per cent to Principality Building Society in Wales with 46 branches which is offering a rage of 7.85 per cent

Fixed rates saw smaller changes. First Direct is now offering a new fixed rate of 7.99 per cent, held until the end of September 2002, while Chelsea Building Society is

new fixed-rate offers is a two year deal at 5.95 per cent. available for up to 95 per cent of the value and with a £195 fee. John Charcol Indepenfee. John Charcol Independent Mortgage and Financial Advisers is this week recommending Scarborough Building Society's rate of 2.95 per cent (7.7 per cent APR) fixed for a year with a fee of 0.75 per cent attached. Other offers include First Mortgage at 4.95 per cent fixed until August 1999 with a £295 fee and compulsory insurance purchase. pulsory insurance purchase. For discounted rates John

Charcol's choice includes 7.94 per cent with a first-year rate of 6.74 per cent. The Nationwide is offering 7.85 per cent with a 1.15 per discount for the first three years, with loans available up to 90 per cent of

For good offers among capped rates currently available, Yorkshire Building Society has a rate of 7.29 per cent capped at 7.99 per cent for five years. This compares with Skipton Building Society which is offering a current rate of 7.74 per cent but capped at 8.49 per cent for 10

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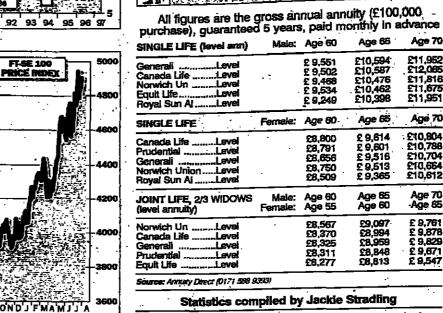
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Legal & General Bank 0500 111200	Direct Access	Postal	£10,000	7.00	Y
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Nottingham BS 0115 956 4422	Postal Plus	30 day p	£5,000	7.15	Y
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Irish Permanent 0800 973321	Extra Post	60 day p	£25,000	7.10	YI
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Principality BS 01222 344188		5 year	£500	7.45	ŶÌ
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RBS Advanta 0800 077770	Visa	0.79%N	9.90%N	Nii
Co-operative Bank 0800 109000	Advantage Visa	0.87%C	10.90%	Nil
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Northern Rock BS 0345 421421	12.90%H	£114.2	9	£102.59
Direct Line 0181 680 9966	13,90%A	£112.0	7	£101.33
RBS Direct 0800 121125	14.00%	£114.9	E	£101.45

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Building Societ	les			
Newbury 01635 43676	4.85	£15-100k	95	3% discount for 1 year
Coventry 01203 555255	5.95	to £80k	95	2.25% discount for 1 year
Portman 01202 292494	5.99	£35-100k	.95	Fixed at 5.99% for 1 year
Banks .				
Bnk of Ireland 0118 951 0100	0.99	£20-145k	95	7.05% disc 6 mins 3% disc 6 mins
Halifax Pic 01422 333333	5.20	£25-250k	95	3% disc-30.9.99. 0.5% var. 30.9.04

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Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	145,49	7.990	100.13	10,000	Northern Rock
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Bristol & West	13.375%	165.23	8.095	100.34	1,000	Bradford & Bing 0800 570800
Britannia	13.000%	161.21	8.064	100.42	1,000	
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First National	11.750%	144.89	8,110	100.25	10,000	0118 951 0100
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	168.53	7.936	100.23	1,000	RBS
Newcastle	10.750%	133.99	7.985	100.32	1,000	0800 121121
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Scarborough 0990 133149	1.20	£30-100k	95	6,99% dsc-6 mth 2%-6mth,0.5%-1y
Nottingham Imper. 0115 9817220	0.75	£25-150k	75	Fixed at 0.75% to 31.1.98
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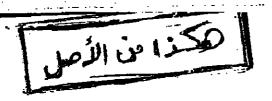
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Caroline Merrell says individuals face pressure to decide over compensation

Third pension warning comes too late for some

elen Liddell, Economic ic Secretary to the Treasury, is becoming increasingly frustrated with those insurance companies dragging their heels in compensating the victims of pensions misselling. Last week, for the third time in as many weeks, she attacked the industry, warning that, if com-panies had not made satisfacprogress compensating victims by the

autumn, she would take tough She has already strongly criticised Legal & General and Sedgwick over their attitude to compensation. Mrs Liddell also voiced concern that some companies were putting cli-

ents under "unacceptable

pressure" to settle. "I am worried about reports I have that some individuals are being put under unacceptable pressure to settle deals they are being offered by companies who mis-sold them pensions as a means of reducing their statistics," she said.

Under the Financial Services Act, Mrs Liddell has the power to stop companies trading. "I will rule nothing out. That means I will take account of the powers I already have. And, if new powers are required, I will not hesitate to seek a means of acquiring those new powers," she said Only the regulating bodies such as the Personal Investment Authority and the Securities and Investment Board can fine companies.

However, Mrs Liddell's warning comes too late for some of the victims of the hard-sell tactics adopted by companies in the late Eighties and early Nineties. For instance, like many other local authority workers, Paul Greenwood was encouraged by a life insurance salesman to leave the local authority scheme to take out a personal pension. He said: "There was a lot of government advertising around saying that it was a

good thing to do. The salesman from Target Life was visiting everyone in his department. Mr Greenwood was encouraged to leave the superannuation scheme to invest in a £50 a month pension. Target Life was subsequently sold to Hill Samuel.



Paul Greenwood, who switched pensions, has not been compensated for distress

the merchant banking arm of Lloyds TSB. After taking out the pension in 1989, Mr Greenwood then retired due to ill health in 1992. He said: "After a five-year struggle during which I remained unemployed due to health problems, I managed to obtain a deal last year, in October to be precise, which basically involved being

returned to the local government superannuation scheme as if I had never left it and I received a lump sum of backdated pension and enhanced pension payments obviously denied to me for five years." Mr Greenwood has not

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to me that I could claim for compensation." According to Ringrose Wharton, a solicitor acting on behalf of more than 600 people who have been missold perbeen compensated for distress

sonal pensions, many of those receiving compensation payments are confused about the He said: "My dismay stems

from the fact that at no time

did the firm involved mention

amounts of money they are receiving. Robert Wharton. Ringrose Wharton, said: Anyone who gets an offer of compensation they do not understand should immediately write to the company to

find out how it is worked out." Under the terms of the regulations, those who have been missold personal pensions have four weeks with which to accept the offer of compensation or they waive their right to it. Mr Wharton claimed that many companies were sticking to this manda-

Mr Greenwood received his £10,000 offer of compensation on November 12 and was told that he had to accept the offer by December 9. He said he was given no indication about how compensation was worked out, but Hill Samuel said it would withdraw the offer if he did not accept it. He was also forced to pay tax on the lump sum. He claims that if the pension had paid as it should have been done, he would not have paid tax.

ccording to the Inland Revenue, the compensation paid should put the person who has been missold a personal pension back in to the position they would have been if they had not bought the product in the

Hill Samuel said that it was up to the pension scheme to which Mr Greenwood was being returned to sort out the compensation sum. It also said that it would consider paying additional compensation for any distress caused on a case-by-case basis.

According to the latest fig-ures, only 12,000 people from a possible total of 1.5 million have been compensated. Victims include many public sector workers, such as nurses, who were encouraged to leave lucrative company schemes, in favour of taking out personal

Mrs Liddell, the minister ppointed by the Chancellor. Gordon Brown, to sort out the mess caused by the mis-selling of personal pensions, earlier this month began naming companies which were worst at sorting out compensation

THE WEEK IN MONEY

Consumer credit hit record levels in June, rising by £1.28 billion, helped by windfall payouts from building soci-eties. The increases, which reflect higher consumer borrowing, raised expectations of further interest rate rises.

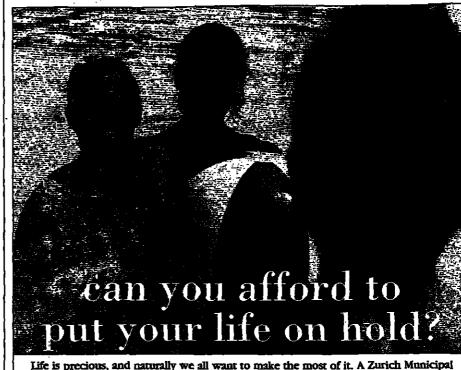
☐ Mortgage lending continues to climb as Bank of England figures showed a 27 per cent annual rise in new mortgage commitments in June. Data from the British Bankers Association showed that mortgage lending was up £2.5 billion, with bank lending to individuals at the highest levels since 1991.

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Age Concern had brought a news for the families of elder-

on Merseyside, which was short of funding, had made 87-year-old Charlotte Blanchard pay for her own nursing home care until her savings dropped below £1,500

 the cost of a funeral. The ruling will be welcome

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The judgment comes just a month after the Office of Fair Trading launched an investition into care homes amid fears that thousands of elderly people might be getting poor

The OFT was also concerned were being deprived of the right to manage their own John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, said

that the care home industry was worth at least £5 billion a year and catered for more than half a million residents in up to 20,000 homes. He estimated that at least 25,000 new places would be required in homes within five

years. Yet, despite its huge

financial and social importance, the sector had never before been the subject of a review from the consumer's point of view. Mr Bridgeman said: "Elderly people are amongst the most vulnerable consumers

and in care homes they may be reliant upon others for all their needs. Many may not know what they can expect in terms of value for money or

The high cost of fees has led insurance companies to offer long-term care policies. However, these are expensive and benefits differ greatly between providers so it is often difficult to compare products.

The Government has pledged to establish a Royal mission to look into the issue of providing nursing home care in the future, but there was no commitment made in the last Budget and any solution could be years

In the interim, if your resources total £10,000 to £16,000 you have to pay for a proportion of your care. For those with assets — and that includes property - worth more than £16,000, you have to foot the bill yourself.

Penny O'Nions, a GP and medical insurance broker, believes the optimum time to take out such a policy is between 65 and 70. She said: "Below age 48 the premiums are no cheaper than between 48 and 55, and over age 70 the premiums become expensive."

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She recommends that anyone without children should also take out a policy, because the care provider will be able to intervene in any disputes you might have with the home you are staying in over quality of care.

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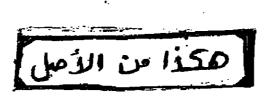
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SAILING: MUMM 36 WORLD CHAMPIONS SURRENDER INITIATIVE AS ADMIRAL'S CUP FLEET GOES OFFSHORE

Merricks makes the most of head start

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

ONE would expect better from the world champions in the elite Mumm 36 class than to misunderstand where the start line is at the beginning of the 180-mile Channel Race, the first significant offshore test of the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup series, which started in the Solent yesterday. Thomas Friese's Thomas I-Punkt stormed off at the outer end of the line wrongly believ-ag the West Bramble buoy to be on the line itself. When the starting gun fired on the battlements below the Royal Yacht Squadron, Friese's boat had been over the line proper for more than seven seconds. To make matters worse, the German boat, skippered by Marcus Wieser, went back after being called as a prema-ture starter on the radio and repeated the same mistake by

After being warned again that they still had not started legally. Friese and the Australian skipper, Steve Kulmar, turned back a third time and inally started four minutes behind the rest of the fleet. The mistake seems to underline Thomas I-Punkt's less than convincing form since winning a very competi-tive world championship in Italy last month. Undoubtedly this is the result of crew changes forced on Friese to

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comply with Admiral's Cup nationality regulations, which stipulate that at least half the crew must be from the nation that the boat represents. The boat has not looked as threatening since. While Friese and the Aus-

tralians made a hash of it at the pin end, John Merricks, of Britain, in Bradamante, made another good start, finding reasonably clear air in the middle of the line. By the time the fleet reached Hurst Castle at the entrance to the Needles channel, after a brisk beat with the tide in a 20-knot westerly, Merricks was holding first place, just ahead of

the Americans in Jameson. By the first mark, 38 miles down the track, Merricks was storming along, having established a ten-minute lead over



Corum Indulgence, the British entry in the big boat class, shadows Flash Gordon 3 as the fleet approaches the Needles yesterday

the Americans. A frustrated Friese was still in last place, nearly 18 minutes behind the British boat.

The Channel Race features flexi-course set just before the start, with the aim of keeping the tastest boats out for at least 30 hours. Alan Green, the director of racing for the Royal Ocean Racing Club, sent them on a long 35-mile bear out past St Albans Head, before doubling back into Poole Bay. There was then

a long downwind sweep along the south shore of the Isle of Wight to round the Nab Tower, before beating back in the early hours of this morn-

ing to the finish off Poole. At the 38-mile mark, the big boat fleet was being led by the New Zealanders, in Numbers, with the Syd Fisher Australian entry, Ragamuffin, just 20 seconds behind, followed by the American crew in Flash Gordon 3, just over a minute farther back. Britain's Corum

Indulgence, skippered Chris Law, was another four minutes back in fourth placeon the water.

In the ILC 40 fleet, Easy Oars, the British boat skippered by Andy Beadsworth, reached Hurst in second place behind Mean Machine, of New Zealand. However, four hours into the race, Easy Oars had slipped to fifth while the Germans in Pinta — the hot hoat in the fleet - had climbed to fourth after a poor start.

The Channel Race is the curtain raiser for Skandia Life Cowes Week, which gets under way today with a record

and longest-running regatta. Among the main attractions this year will be a proper maxi class fleet, made up of five of the new Exicsson 80s, together with a couple of one offs and Mike Slade's Longobarda and Hasso Platmer's Sydney to Hobart record-holder, Morn-

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Pugh design. Most of the maxis took part

in the Channel Race and they made a fine sight as they powered up the western Solent. By Hurst Castle, it was Ross Field at the wheel of the Ericsson SO, Banque de Luxembourg, who was leading from Ludde Ingvall's transatlantic record-holder, Nicorette. Morning Glory. with Plattner at the wheel, was racing hard on their heels.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan under no illusions about their task

By Our Sports Staff

ERIC HUGHES has no illusions over the size of Wigan's task as they prepare to tackle Canberra Raiders at Central Park tomorrow, "It will be like taking on Australia," the Warriors coach, whose side crashed 30-4 to a similarly powerful Brisbane Broncos a

Wigan bounced back from that defeat with an exciting win over Canterbury last Monday, but with players of the calibre of Laurie Daley. Ricky Stuart, David Furner, Bradley Clyde and Ken Nagas. Canberra will provide another test of the home side's world club championship ambitions.

formight ago, said.

"It's a tough call for us." Hughes said. "If you look at them individually. Canberra have got a side good enough to represent Australia.

It was a surprise that they lost to London. I got the impression that they were perhaps a little complacent and I don't think you will ever see that again. They have got a side that is the envy of every other club side in the world. That's how tough it is for us." Hughes will give a fitness

test to scrum-half Tony Smith. but stand-off Nigel Wright is still missing with a groin injury. Canberra, who are coached by Mal Meninga, will have Royston Lighming, the 19-year-old wing, on the bench.

Leeds can secure top spot in pool B and a play-off to decide the fourth European quarterfinalist when North Queensland visit Headingley tomorrow night. North Queensland's outside chances of grabbing a place in the knockout stages will be dashed if Hunter Mariners complete their anticipated clean sweep at the expense of Sheffield this morning.

Dean Bell, the Leeds coach, said: "We did the club a lot of good with our victory over Adelaide, but it's very important that we show everybody it wasn't a one-off. We will have to play a lot better than we did against Adelaide.

North Queensland are without a complete front row with three players having returned to Australia: Ian Roberts (knee and neck injuries). John Lomax (family bereavement) and Jason Death (disciplinary

reasons). Kelly Shelford, the Warrington stand-off, claims that his side's New Zealand connection will be a trump card when they try to rein in the Auckland Warriors in Christchurch tomorrow. "We're all very keen to do well," Shelford said. "It will be no easy task. But it's a battle that the New Zealanders in the Warrington line-up are looking forward

Other New Zealanders in the Warrington side are Nigel Vagana, at centre, Willie Swann, the hooker. Tony Tatupu, in the second-row, and George Mann, at forward.

Bradford Bulls face Cronulla today with only pride at stake. "We're out to salvage some credibility," Matthew Ellion, the coach, said, "Some matches are more important than others - and this is one of them.

Bradford lost heavily in matches Down Under - to Auckland by 50 points and to Penrith by 40. Jeremy Donougher, Bradford's Australian forward, returns after being out for five months with

an ankle injury. Cronulla are keen to win handsomely to ensure their place in the quarter-finals. Much will depend on the centres, where the Bulls' Australian, Danny Peacock, lines up against the veteran Andrew Ettingshausen and young Russell Richardson.

Perth Western Reds defeat ed Paris Saint-Germain 30-12 in an error-strewn encounter yesterday. Paris must now rely on Leeds losing by more than two points to North Oueensland to reach the quarter-finals from pool B.

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Rhodes needs stiffer test

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

RYAN RHODES; the British light-middleweight champion, from Sheffield, meets Ed Griffin, of Baltimore, at the Metrodome Leisure Centre, Barnsley, tonight. It should prove an easy night for Rhodes as Griffin is not only out of his class, but the American is also only a

Griffin has won 13 of his contests, but his opponents have been of limited ability. One of his defeats was at the hands of a Costa Rican journeyman, Humberto Aranda, in April. In June, Aranda was outpointed by Howard Davies, the 1976 Olympic light-

weight champion, now 40. John Morris, the secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control said that he was not too happy about the choice of Griffin who, according to Morris, has had only one bout as a light-middleweight. Rhodes, 20, is the most

exciting British world title prospect. He has won all of his 14 contests, stopping 11 opponents inside the distance. ers were given the chance to see what he can do against some demanding opposition

It is time that his supportin his own division. Perhaps it will not be long before he defends his British title

against Ensley Bingham, of Manchester, the former British champion. The bout has been ordered by the board. ☐ Naseem Harned's hopes of a unification match with Luisito Espinosa, the World Boxing Council featherweight

champion, have been dealt a blow. Hamed, the International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Organisation champion, had wanted to meet Espinosa, but the Filinino's manager said that he will instead take on Carlos Rios, of Argentina, in his fifth defence of the title on October 11. It means a frustrating wait for

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Notinghamshire
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WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Kent
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v
Norihamplanshire

POOTBALL Kick-off 3.0 unless stated Bell's Scottish League Premier division Aberdeen v Kilmarnock St Johnstone v Dundee Utd ... First division

Airdne v St Mirren Ayr v Greenock Morton

Dundee v Falkirk

Hamilton v Pertick Scottish Coca-Gola Cup First round Arbroath v Queen of South Berwick v Brechin : Cowdenbeath v Alica (2 0)

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PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Burriery v
Manchester City, Carliele v Sunderland,
pswich v Giffingham Mansfield v Grimsby.
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Stockport, Nottingham Forest v Leeds: Port
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Pracerburgh: Keith v Clachnacuddin; Nam
County v Bron; Rothes v Poterhead

RUGBY LEAGUE

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Brough Wheelers Invital risies (North Ceve, East Yorks, 2.0) EQUESTRIANISM: British Open ho treds championship (at Gatcombe Park) GOLP: English Amateur Champonship (at Royal Liverpool); Scottish Amateur Champonship (at Royal Liverpool); Scottish Amateur Champonship (at Pyle and Kentig) SPDA Champonship (at Pyle and Kentig) SPDA Champonship (at SI, Andrews); Senior Masters (at Wentworth).

HOCKEY: Women's representative match: England Under-21 v Citton (at Bisham Abbey). MOTOR RALLYING: Ulster Raily SALING: Standis Life Cowes Week.

SPEEDWAY: Elike Leegue; Bradiord v
King's Lyrin (7:30), Eastbourne v Coverthy
(7:30); Swindon v Poole (7:30), Premier
Leegue; Berwork v Hul (6:30), Solve v
Glasgow (7:30) Amateur Leegue;
Milderhall v Oxford (7:30)

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (at likky)

Tomorrow

Tetley's Challenge Series TAUNTON: Somerset v Australian Tour match 17.0. third day of fou BRISTOL: Gloucestenshire v Pakista Axa Ufe League

CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham Derbyshire COLCHESTER: Essex v Leicestershire COLWYN BAY: Glamorgan v Nothinghemshire LORD'S: Middlesex v Surrey EDGRASTON: Wanwckshire Noon, 40 overs

Northamptonshire MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONS-IP (first day of two) Rover, Cowley, Oxfordsiere v Ponterdolaluis: Wales v CRICKETER CUP: Final: Bradbeld Wade v Old Tontoridgians (at Roshampton, 11 15)

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v FOOTBALL FA Charity Shield Chelses v Manchester Utd. (at Wembley, 3.0)

Hibernian v Celtic (12 30) PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Northampton v Leitzester (3.0) Sheffleid Unsed v Backburn (3.0), West Bromwich Albon v Aston Villa (3.0)

RUGBY UNION

Graham Dawe testimonial match Bath XV v Home Nations XV (at Ashton Gate, Bristol, 30). RUGBY LEAGUE

World club championship Pool A Auckland v Wamngton (at Christchurch, 3 30am) Wigan v Canberra ... Pool B

Hunter v Sheffield (10.30am) Leeds v North Queensland (8.0) Saltord v Adelaide (6.35)..... Divisional Premiership Cumbria pool Cartiste v Whitehaven Workington v Lancashire Lyrix East Yorkshire pool

Featherstone v Hull (6 0) . Hull KR v Wakehold Lancashire pool Rochdale v Keighley Widnes v Leigh (al Canal Si, Runcom) West Yorkshire pool

Dewsbury v Huddersheld Hunslet v Battey (3.30) ... ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Tour of the Cotsuoids inter-national 119 miles (starts 9.45am fireshes Gloucester Park 2.45pm) EQUESTRIANISM: British Open horse tralls champion-tip (all Cattombe Park) trais championship (at Gotcombe Park) GOLP: SPGA Championship (at St An-drews): Scrior Masters (at Wortworth) HOCKEY: Women's representative mateir England Under-21 v Bracknell (all Bisham Abbey). Bestam Abbey).

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SPEEDWAY: Four-team champaionship: Finals: Elite League: Bello Vuo v Bradford v Saindon v Pererboraugh (201) Pramer League: Long Eaton v Edminutgh v Berwick v Outord (20). Armateur League: Buden v Ryde (30).

ROWING

Bowden takes over at Oxford

OXFORD University nounced yesterday that they have appointed Sean Bowden as head coach from next September on a three-year contract (Mike Rosewell writes). Oxford, who have lost the past five Boat Races, will not, however, be parting with Réné Mijnders, the Dutch Olympic coach who was Oxford's head coach this year.

Bowden, 34, the Great Britain lightweight coach, will be responsible for Oxford's dayto-day coaching while Mijnders will be the senior coach and technical advisor.

of role after Oxford's Boat Race defeat last March. "I cannot do it on a full-time basis again," he said. "It has to be something different, but

Mijnders hinted at a change

can work with well." Dan Topolski, who will continue in an advisory capacity concerned with long-term planning, thinks the new duo will make "an ideal partnership"

you would need a coach you

Penny Chuter, who joined Oxford on a three-year contract in 1994 and coached the 1995 and 1996 crews, will not have her contract renewed.

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RACING: IMPROVING CHARLTON-TRAINED FILLY CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIGH DRAW TO SPRINT CLEAR IN STEWARDS' CUP

Waypoint looks good value in cavalry charge

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

THE fifth Duke of Richmond and Lord George Bentinck have a lot to answer for. In 1839, they conceived the idea of a competitive sprint handicap at Goodwood, largely as a betting medium, and punters have been hypnotised by the Stewards' Cup ever since — to the delight of the bookmakers.

Instead of giving the annual cavalry charge a wide berth. as anyone with an ounce of commonsense should, backers submit yearly to the temptation of trying to find the winner of arguably the toughest handicap of the season. Tipsters, it must be said, are even worse. We invariably burden our selections with the

A year ago. Coastal Bluff overcame being napped in this column to win and today David Barron's admirable sprinter will attempt to become the first since Sky Diver in the late 1960s to follow up 12 months later.

Only King's Signet and Petong have defied top weight since the war, but that is the least of Coastal Bluff's problems, as he has the physique to carry big weights. Of far greater concern is his low draw and the absence of any horses drawn towards the stands' side who like to force

In recent years only Soba and Lochsong have overcome a low draw and, although Coastal Bluff is almost certainly group class, the six stall



may prove his undoing. The same applies to Danetime in stall five, especially as the ground is faster than ideal. With those reservations

about the two leading contenders in the betting market, there should be some value to be had from runners from middle to high stalls. To The Roof, Selhurstpark Flyer, Oggi and Clan Chief will ensure there is with Coral, she looks worth a a strong pace down the far

My shortlist includes Dashing Blue, who recorded his best performance when winning at York last time but may be better over the minimum trip, and My Best Valentine. who is probably the best handicapped horse in the race. but is arguably best when giving away weight to inferior rivals.

Waypoint, despite the fact that most of her form has been over seven furlongs. Roger Charlton's improving filly started the campaign winning over six furlongs on Lingfield's all-weather track. She has won twice since, including a fast-run race at Newbury 15 days ago. Due to race off an 8lb higher mark in future events, this genuine filly wears a visor for the first time to sharpen her up for this

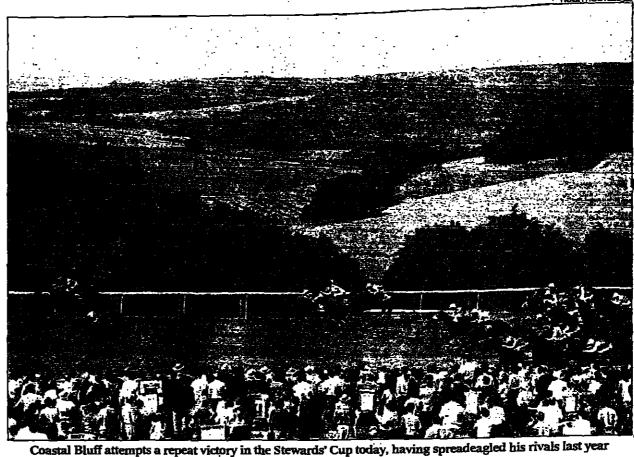
However, I have settled on

Given the likely fast pace, I hope that the promising rider Royston Ffrench can lay up with the pace on the far side before delivering his challenge inside the final furlong. At 16-1

Ian Balding invariably has his string in top form for this meeting and so it has proved this week. The Kingsclere trainer looks to have a good chance of adding to his haul with Merlin's Ring in the Vodafone Nursery (2.45). The Magic Ring colt justified heavy support to open his account in a fast-run race at York three weeks ago, and is strongly fancied to follow up.

Last Second, winner of the Vodafone Nassau Stakes (3.20) 12 months ago, has not run since being tailed off behind Helissio in April. While Sir Mark Prescott is sure to have this fragile filly in good order. I prefer the claims of the game Ryafan, who showed typical battling qualities to land the Falmouth Stakes at Newmarket last time. She should appreciate today's extra quar-

Although the television cameras are not covering the finale at Goodwood, Dancing Image is expected to oblige now that he takes a drop in class and returns to his best trip of seven furlongs.



GOODWOOD

2.15 Faithful Son 2.45 FAYRANA (nap)

3.50 Wildwood Flower 4.25 Sausalito Bay 5.00 Designer 5,35 Dancing Image

ewmarket Correspondent: 3.20 Ryafan, 3.50 Danetime.

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transfer in latest race). Going on which horse has son (F — firm, good to firm, hand, G — good 5 — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets, Trainer, Age and weight. Rider pless any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

DRAW: 7F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.15 VODAFONE CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-0: £13,256. 1m) (6 runners)

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FORM FOCUS

FAITHFUL SON 1:1 2nd of 9 to Potar Prince in group III Vocatione Diomed Stakes at Epsorn (1m 114/d, good) CAPE CROSS nect 2nd of 9 to Blessed Spann in lasters are at Assot (1m, soft) in the state of a Assot (1m, soft) in the s

2.45 VODAFONE NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-0: £11,275: 7f) (12 runners) BETTING: 4-1 Mentor's Rong, 5-1 Statedon, 6-1 The Rich Man, 7-1 Fayrana, 8-1 Mentiles Star, 10-1 King Danus.

1996: OCUBLE PARK 9-7 J Red (4-1) M Johnston 8 cap

NEWMARKET

2.00 Mijana. 2.30 Arriving. 3.05 Kheyrah. 3.35 Blewbury Hill. 4.10 Whisky Mac. 4.40 Wathbat

(3-Y-O: £4.208. 1mr 41) (15)

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.00 ALMUTAWAKEL (nap).

2.00 HERO CONDITIONS STAKES

2.30 YE OLDE OAK HOT DOG HANDICAP

(2-Y-0: £5,553: 7f) (3 runners)

GOING: GOOD

DRAW, NO ADVANTAGE

FORM FOCUS

THE RICH MAN completed double beat Jacrast 31 in 7-numer nursery of Ayr (7), good to farm). SHAWDON beat D'Marit 44 in 7-numer auction marden at Warrack (7), good to farm). SYPSY HILL about 144 45 or 7 to 140 Cq. Min in nursers auction readen at York (6), good to Simple start, MERLINTS RIVES beat Requester 144 in 16 min auctions read at Windows (16), good to Simple MANTILES STAR beat Design Five med in 7-numer auction maiden at Lingheld (AW, 7t) Selection: SHAWDON

3.20 VODAFONE NASSAU STAKES

(Group II: £48,911; 1m 2f) (7 runners)

RETTING: 5-4 Last Second. 11-4 Rystan. 5-1 Papering, 7-1 Botte, 18-1 Entrop. 20-1 Gray Way, Maid Di Cameint. 1996. LAST SECOND 3-8-5 & Duffield (7-4 lav) M Prescut & rain

CREY WAY SI 5th of 8 to Artam in group I Premio Prezidente Detta Repubblica al Capamelle. Rome (1m 21 good) LAST SECONO 1917 for 6 th in Nelissio in group I Pm. Garay at Longstamp (1m 21 17 pd. sett). PAPERING nech 2nd of 6 in Tokpaz in group fil Premo Laguano at San Siro, Mahan (1m 4, good) RYAFAN heat Ocean Ridge ¼1 in group fil

Amoor Falmouth States at Normartet (1m. good to firm). ETOILE about 2%1 5th of 12 to Reams Of Verse in group 1 Volctione Oats Essain (1m. 41, good) on perulfirmate start MARO OF CAMELOT best recent after) best recent after) best recent after) best Priema 1%) in 7-numm listed

3.50 YODAFONE STEWARDS CUP

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FORM FOCUS

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TOMORROW'S MEETINGS: Chester (2.30 - 5.00), Chepstow (Tate Jackpot meeting, 2.10 - 5.10), Newcastle (2.20 - 4.50),

4.25 TURF CLUB RATED HANDICAP

Long bandicap: Bland New Dasca 8-3, Ramika 8-3, What Happened Was 7-12. BETTING: 9-2 Kilma, 6-1 Georgia Vestine, 7-1 Milby Of The Vally, Right Max, 8-1 T Duchess, Lilling, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS PLINTING AROUND 13% of ol 18 to Windsor Castle in bandicap at Newcastle (2m, braw). KLIMA completed doubtle best Heart Of Gold short-lead in 7-turner handicap at Newcastle (1m 4/ 1994, good) MELLY OF THE VIALLY best viction from the control of th

5.00 EBF RICHARD BAERLEIN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £7,068: 6l) (10 runners)

510 (1) SLCA KEY SERVICE (Addrige Racing Ltd) M Charman 8-8 B Dayle BETTING: 11-4 Ethabub, 7-2 Designer, 5-1 Goldon Reprintand, 7-1 Surveyor, 8-1 Rubamma, 10-1 others, 1996: THE WEST 9-0 T Quinn (4-7 lary) P Cole 7 ran

5.35 TRUNDLE LIMITED STAKES (£6,985: 71) (7 runners)

ALBERT THE BEAR 2* 4th of 5 to Britton Red in conditions case at Limplest (71 40pd, good to lam), DANCING BAAGE test after this farm 41 case at Haydock (68 good). Haw 10 of 15 to Gadge in headcap owe course and distance (good) with ALBERT THE BEAR (56 to store the property of 100d 12th, DIYMA UNIA bear VOILEY (20 better off) 41 in 10-numer conditions race at a Neumantel (71, good to 15 fro.).

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Rebecca Sharp has Deauville objective group two £33.670 Prix de

REBECCA SHARP, trained by Geoff Wragg and ridden by Michael Hills, and Godolphin's Ocean Ridge, the mount of Frankie Dettori, are in action at Deauville tomorrow. The first and second in the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot contest the group two £33,670 Prix d'Astarte over a

mile. The David Elsworthtrained Supercal (John Reid) completes the British challenge in a nine-strong field.

On the same programme, Whitewater Affair, representing Michael Stoute and ridden by Reid, faces six locallytrained opponents in the mile five furlongs. At Munich tomorrow, the Clive Brittain-trained Needle Gun (Brett Doyle) and Dermot Weld's Dance Design

Pomone over an extended one

(Michael Kinane) tackle the group one Bayerisches Zuchtrennen over ten furlangs. Arabian Story, owned by the Queen, runs in the £59,583

Scandinavian Open Champ-ionship over 12 miles at Klampenborg, Copenhagen, tomorrow. Ela-Aristokrati and Harbour Dues are the other British raiders in a 12runner field.

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Ripon (first race, 2.30), Newton Abbot (2.15), Carlisle (6.20), Windsor (6.05) TUESDAY: Catterick (2.15), Folke-

WEDNESDAY: Brighton (2.15), Newcastle (2.30), Epsom (Sky, 6.00), Nottingham (Sky, 6.10), Yar-mouth (5.50). THURSDAY: Bath (2.30), Pontefract

FRIDAY: Sallsbury (2.00), Wolver-harmpton (AW, 2.20), Haydock Park (Sky, 6.10), Newmarket (Sky, 6.00), Market Rasen (2.10). SATURDAY: Ayr (2.25), Haydock

2.00), Redcar (2.10), Newmarket (C4, 2.00), Redcar (2.10), Unglield Park (AW, Sky, 5.50), Worcester (Sky, 5.05).

SUNDAY: Epsom (2.00), Redcar (2.10), Yarmouth (2.20). Flat meetings in bold



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NHEYRAH E Durlop 9-9 R Hits 11-4 Gordon Dice 9-2 Magnati, 11-2 Maleson, 13-2 Confirmation, 7-1 Walgole, 8-1 Free Option, Greata, 10-7 others 3.35 YE OLDE OAK ANY TIME SNACKS HANDICAP

4.10 HERO DRINKS NURSERY HANDICAP

(7) 3341 WHISKY MACK 18 (0.5) R Hannar 9-7 W J O'Connor (11) 421 HAPPY DAYS AGAM 25 (0.5) Whatoo 9-4 R Mullen (5) (8) 6331 COMPOSITION 25 (0.6) M Jarvé 9-2 ... W Ryan 14) 0140 FIVEOTELOCK SHADOW 14 (6.0.5) 8 Maction 9-1 4 14 0140 PALECTRICKE SHADOW 14 (BLD.S) B Machine 9-1

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4.40 READY RICE HANDICAP

(£5,580: 1m 2f) (9) 9 (5) 72-0 HSRR TRIGGER 9 (B,CD.5) Dr.J Scargil 6-8-8 ... J Tala 68

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THIRSK

2.10 Perfect Peach. 2.40 Roseate Lodge. 3.10 Night Express. 3.40 Opaque. 4.15 Our People. 4.45 Kataf.

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 TONY WHITING MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,029. 5!) (13 runners)

3-1 Perfect Peach 11-2 Fizzed, 6-1 Euro Ventura, Permy Whistle, 7-1 Happy Clays, 15-2 Ray Ol Sunctine 10-1 Lambs Lamb, 12-1 Thetie Park, 14-1 others.

2.40 ROCOM SELLING HANDICAP | LBDY | STITUTE | Transport | Control | Contr

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7 5460 ANOTHER NIGHTIMARE 12 (0) 5.53 R McKeller 5-10-13
8 0000 MORRING STAR 17 (F) W McKeller 3-10-10
9 4003 HENRY THE HAWK 17 (8),0,5,5) M Date 6-10-10

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1 030 RMPR TWEED 28 J Gooden 3-10-0 J Carroll 2
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11 0345 REVER EXCENT 22 M M Brichourse 4-7-10 Min Twister 13
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13 0000 SUPERAPPAROS 26 (B) 5 Bowrng 3-7-10 F Bryle (7) 3
14 0000 SEARCHAI 28 P Intigue 4-7-10 In Florid (7) T Gratis 6
7-2 Fan On The Bridge, 5-1 River Tweed, 7-1 in Good Rick; 8-1 Night Equiness, Maydon, River Ensign, 12-1 Probaned, 14-1 others.

3.40 BARCLAYS HANDICAP (£4,988: 1m 4l) (10)

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1. 403 ALMOND ROCK 76 (D.G.S) J Farshave 5-10-0 D Hamson 3
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3. 0200 CAWAR ROWALE 23 (F) T Entrop 3-9-5 ... J Carroll 4
4. 0503 VAN BURP SS (D.G.S) B McAkhom 4-9-4 ... L Revolon 8
5. 0007 MANUS 7 (D.F.G.T Burrow 4-9-) Victoria Appleby (7) 8
6. 1-03 ATTRUCK 23 (F) H Cardy 3-8-12 - Victoria Appleby (7) 8
6. 1-03 ATTRUCK 23 (F) H Cardy 3-8-12 - C Rustor 10
7. 4050 OUR PEOPLE 56 (D.F.) Michelon 3-8-8 - J Versor 5
8. 1010 STACKATACK 14 (BF.F) Mis J Responses 4-8-6 - J Forsion 11
9. 4255 BOLLIA FRANK 23 (F) LDF.S) T Eastby 5-8-5 - L Chambols 6
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RACING: IRISH FILLY'S SUCCESS PUTS DEFEAT OF KING OF KINGS IN CONTEXT

Lady Alexander proves her worth

By CHRIS MCGRATH

TALKING horses have a nasty habit of becoming tonguetied the moment you ask them a difficult question. King Of Kings, the precocious Irish coli, had such an inflated reputation earlier in the summer that he was all but awarded a doctorate by Trinity College, Dublin.

He promptly fluffed his lines against Lady Alexander at the Curragh last month -but at Goodwood yesterday the same filly proved that he had, on that occasion, been

FIGHTURE STARKS

Nap: WAYPOINT (3.50 Goodwood) Next best: Dancing Image

(5.35 Goodwood). The Times Private Handicapper (Ger-ald Hubberd) top-rated Lady Alexan-der (100-30) and also found Bahamian Sunshine (20-1) at Goodwood yesterday

tackling a paper closer to nuclear physics than the tentimes table.

Lady Alexander again showed unflinching courage in the Jockey Club of Kenya Molecomb Stakes; but, dropped over a furlong in trip, she also showed a streak of brilliance over this downhill five. Able to hold a place in the van throughout, she then got back up when headed, denying Mugello by half a length. How inappropriate that this most genuine of equine articles should be trained by someone

called Con. · Con Collins, who won this race two years ago with Almaty, has seen enough imposters in 45 years training



Lady Alexander, noseband, outpaces Mugello to capture the Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

not to fall for the tripe talked about some horses. But he has nonetheless been amazed by the improvement made by the Night Shift filly, who is owned by a Dublin hotelier, Noel O'Callaghan.

"She is as plucky as her owner, who had a few quid on today," Collins said. "He implored me from the first time she ran to let him have a gamble, but to begin with I couldn't tell him to have one pound on her. She has just kept improving, however, and hasn't yet told me how good she is. "She may do so, stepped

back up in trip, in the Moyglare Stud Stakes. Barely half an hour had elapsed before the same gossips who pumped up King Of

Kings were heralding the arrival of another young champion in the making. Chester House duly landed the odds on his debut in the EBF Foxhall Maiden Stakes, but showed none of the flamboyance of his stablemate. Daggers Drawn, winner of the Richmond Stakes the previous day.

While the Newmarket moles were dispirited by his

half-length success — having never travelled with any flair and we have been letting him win his gallops to try to teach - the Mr Prospector colt will him something. People shouldn't try to make him a have won over less excitable observers. He had a terrible world-beater. Now that he has draw and, a real galloping had a race, however, he'll be a type, was also ill at ease on the different horse." Coral, who turns and undulations. Green make Daggers Drawn 7-1 too, he gradually worked out favourite for next year's 2,000 what Kieren Fallon was get-Guineas, left Chester House ting at, and came through to on 25-1.

lead inside the last, before ☐ King Of Kings, ridden by idling in front Christy Roche, had a workout "I think he has the potential at Ballydoyle yesterday, and is to be very nice one day, but he has been too hyped," Henry a possible runner in the group one Heinz Phoenix Stakes at Cecil, his trainer, said. "He Leopardstown on Sunday has been very lazy at home,

A STEPPOAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood Going: good to firm 15 SPEROARD HANDICAP

JORROCKS b g Rubiano - Parla Fina (P Mellon) 7-11 C Lowther (9-1) 1. Great Child b c Denehil - Chemina (S. Suhan 8-61. Dettori (6-1) 2. Omeha City b g Night Shift - Be Discreet (6 Gubby Lid) 8-7 A Clark (16-1) 3. ALSO RAN: 11-4 few Instances of Section 1. (6 Gubby Lid) 9-7 A Clerk (16-1)

ALSO PAN: 11-4 fav Jauhari, 9 Silver Krislai (5th), 10 Shehem, Wasp Ranger (4th), 11 Just Nick, 12 Always Alight, 14 Granny's Pet, 20 Gee Bee Dream, Jeffrey Anotherred, 25 Fun Galtone, 33 hony Dawn, Just Loul (6th), 15 ran '41, 2; 31, 3th jut, 21: 1 Belding at Kingsclera. Totas: £12.00; 32.0, £190. £6 40. DF; £24 50, The £571.10. CSF £55 36. Thosst £797.34. 2.45 VOLVO CONTRACTS GLOBE-TROTTER HANDICAP

(3-Y-O. £34,800, 1m 2l)

Atlantic Desire b f Ela-Mana-Mou - Bold Miss (Atlantic Racing Ltd) 8-11 J Wester (20-1)
Calypso Grant b l Danel III - Why So Sient (Airs P Henis) 8-2 C Lowther (23-1) 4.
ALSO RAN 3-1 fev Amyess (3-2 Labed, Sword Arm, 8 Petrict Gennes, Southerly Wind, 10 Al Aztar, 14 Lord Eurolink, 15 Desirt Horizon (6th), Sir Tabot, 20 Priena, 25 Ball Paradise (5th), Barba Pape, Generous Get, Papus, 18 ran, 194, 194, pt. 19, 54 P Cole at Whatcombe, Totar 250,00; 27-90, 62-50, 65-10, 58.00. DF 5370,50, Tric 52,842 50 (pert von. Pool of C1,563,19 camied forward to 3,50 at Goodwood lodey), CSF: 2282.20. Tricest 55,548-93.

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SCHRODERS GLORIOUS RATED HANDICAP (Listed race: 230,405; fm 4f) BAHAMIAN, SUNSHINE of it Sunshifts Forever - Pride Ot Dearby (Licayan Soud) 6-8-7 J Wasner (20-1) 1.
Bright Water to Casrison - Shiring Water (K Abdulla) 4-9-6 K Pation (8-5 tax) 2.
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3.50 JOCKEY CLUB OF KENYA
MOLECOMB STAKES
(Group HI. 2-Y-O: £24,£25.51)
LADY ALEXANDER of 1 North Shift Sendhurst Goddess (Mrs N O'Cellaghen)
8-12 P Stenahan (100-30 Lav, Private
Handicapper's top rating)
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A Janvis) 8-7 M Hills (11-2)
2.
Chieftain b c Incien Ridge-Legit (M Tabor
8 Mrs J Magnier) 8-12 Pat Eddery (8-1) 3.
Å SO RAN: 13-2 Pura Coincidence (8th). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Pure Coincidence (6th).

9 Princess: Natalie, 10 Cuessne, 12
Beenfughairn Blede (4th), Distinct Vintage,
Is All Relative, 14 Mysticsm. 16 Tippin
Boy (5th), 33 Compressore, Gipsy Moth, 13
ren, 14, 114, hd, sh hd, 14, C Collins in
tretand, 10te, 93.30, 91.80, 92.50, 93.30.
DE 92.60 Tiper 957.00, CSF: \$19.25. 4.25 EBF FOXHALL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-C): £7.197: 71

Just in Time to c Night Shitt - Optaria (Mrs P Merrick) 8-11 J Reid (25-1) 2. Secret Archive bic Salse - Lycla (M Suhali) 8-11 Fi Hughes (20-1) 3. ALSO RAN: 3 Night Shot (5th), 7 Generosity (6th), 9 Hadid (4th), 10 Bernarda Boy, 25 Widdeal, 50 Ocean Line, Top Merts 10 ran. %, 34, sh hd, 1%, 31 H Cecil at Newmarkel, Tote: £2 10, £1 30, £3 10, £3 60, DF: £21.30, Trio: £96.70, CSF: £35.32.

(3-Y-C: £7,310: 5)
TEAR WHITE b g Mac's Imp - Evernplary
(A Lawson & Co Lid) 8-1 J Outrn (15-2) 1.
Brutel Fentasry b g Distinctly North - Flash
Donne (Dearnond Racing Lid) 8-10 R Wirston (12-1)
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Dana (G Bosley) 9-0 G Hannon (7-1) 3.

5.00 CHICHESTER CITY HANDICAP

ALSO RAN: 4-1 (av Rud's Pet (5th), 5 Sabina, 13-2 Caurda Equina (6th), 9 Gaelic Storm, 12 Swino, 14 Anokato (4th), (K Abdulla) 4-9-6 K Pallon (8-5 tax) 2. . . 4.25 EBF. FOXHALL MAIDEN STAKES | Siorn, 14 Anothers (4th), 14 Shorter (25-1) 1. | Siorn, 14 Anothers (4th), 15 | Siorn, 15 Siorn, 14 Anothers (4th), 15 | Siorn, 15 Siorn, 14 Anothers (4th), 15 | Siorn, 15 Siorn, 14 Anothers (4th), 15 | Siorn, 15 Siorn, 15 Siorn, 15 Siorn, 16 Siorn, 16

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SO INTREPID ch h Never So Bold -Double River (E Hayward) 7-9-4 R Firench (13-8 fav) Almasi b m Petorus - Best Nece (The Equema Pins) 5-8-12 Jo Hunnam (7-4) 2.

ALSO RAN 10 Scissor Ridge (Stit), 20 Mor. Censrd (Stit), 33 Superiao (4th), 6 ran. 2hl, 2t, 1+1, 4t, 1ht J Bradley of Chepstow Tote £2 80; £1 70, £1 60 Df £2 40, CSF. £4 46 Jackpot: not won (pool of £58,428.45 carried forward to Goodwood today). Placepot: £961.00. Quadpot: £18.10.

Thirsk

Going: good 2.25 (6f) 1, GRAND CHAPEAU (S Sanders, 5-2 fav), 2, Camionneur (L Charnock 15-1); 3, Benzoe (D Harnson, 14-1) 4 (SC) DANK Senzoe (D Harnson, 11-1, ALSO RAN: 8 Smokey Horn Captaw (6th), 10 Amron, Young Ben, 12 Johayno (4th), 14 The Happy Fox, 16 Meranti, Rich Glow (5th), Thwaab, 20 Bowlers Boy, Souperficial, 25 Spotted Eagle 14 tan, NR: U-No-Harry 3I, 1%, 1%, hd, 21 D Michots at Thirsk. Tote: £3.00, £1.30, £4.20, £1.60, DF: £25.00, Tho: £29.90, CSF £45.80, Thoast £1.21.92

CSF 145.80. Tincast 1121 92
2.55 (51) 1. BABY GRAND (Kimberley Hart, 5-1): 2. Shalyeh (P Mullen, 7-1). 3. Beechwood Cuest (L Chamock, 3-1). ALSO RAN. 5-2 tav Yorkes Bov, 11-2 Oriel Gif (5th), 14 Bow Peep (4th). Cumbnan Cadet (6th). 33 Seventh Heaven 8 ran. 11-1, 33-1. 11-1, 11-1, 31 F Barron at Thrisk. Tole: 550; 11-80. 11-80. 11-50. DF 255.90 CSF 235 96. Fricast. 11: 2.06
3.30 (1m 4): 1, TOP (S Sanders, 16-1); 2. Shilling (D Hamson, 3-1), 3. Attach (J Carroll, 15-8 lav). ALSO RAN. 9-2 Pertethorps (4th), 11-2 kingdom Pearl (5th). 13-2 Doyenne, 25 Chormars. Daughler (6th), Mirror Four Sport 8 ran 2: hd, 3, ½, 81. J Fanshawe at Newmarlet. Tota £17.90, £2.40. £1 60, £1 50 DF £19.50. CSF £81.09. Ticast. £124.06. £19.50. CSF-£81.09. Tricast. £124.06.
4.00 (Im) 1, BLOT (J Carroll, 5-2 tav), 2.
Bembusgh Boy (D Hamson, 5-1); 3,
Present Chance (I, Newton, 11-2), ALSO
ANN: 7-2 Faste Barasin, 13-2 Begune, 10
Tafib (4th), 16 Lyphielo, 20 Royale Rose
(5th), 33 Beach Buoy, Flower Müter, 50 E60 (5th), 250 The Valle, 500 Jive Boogle
13 ran 3*1, 14, 121, 51, 3%, Mrs J Cecil at
Newmarket, Tote: £2.30, £1.50, £1.80,
£2.10 DF £8.70, Tino £18.40 CSF
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4.30 (7) 1. SUGGEST (S Sanders, 20-1).
2. Operatio (R Mullen, 4-1), 3. Petara (R Lappin, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN 9-2 i'm Tef, 5 Ribble Assembly. Three Termans (4th), 14 Silver Hope (6th), 32 Art Yar There, Disco Tex (5th). Dram Doctor. Eddie Rombo, Muscal Pet 12 ran. 2tkl. 3, 2kl., hd, hd W Storey at Consell Tote, £22.00, £4 10, £1.40, £1.90 DF. £54.50. Tro. £184.10 (part won Pool of £57.66 canned lonvard to 3.50 at Goodwood Inday). CSF. £39.04

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5.05 (7f) 1. FANCY A FORTUNE (A Nichols, 11-8 tav); 2, Italian Symphony (A McCarthy, 9-11, 3, Carreama 15 Buckley, 5-1) ALSO RAN-4 Presonitement, 10 Severn Mill, 14 Penygarn Guvnor, 16 Petulo Boy (8th), Stolen Musc (4th, 20 Interpot Fort (5th), 23 Legal Brief 10 ran II. 5, 5I, rik, 15-1 D Nichols at Thraik Tote 52-10; 71-10, 52-40, 17-50, DF-10; 80 Thraik Tote 10-10 CSF 515 03. Tricast 1249 65 Placepot: £24,90. Cuadpot: £4.10.

Bangor

Going: good to firm (good in places)
2.35 (2m 11 Indie) 1, Regal Rambler (L.
Cummins, 16-1); 2, Follow De Call (16-1);
3, Colway Prince (10-1), Green's Seago
7-2 tay 12 ran. Hd. 5 L. Barnati. Tote
521 50; \$4 50; £4 10; £2 60 DF £102 70
CSF: \$226.33, Trocast: \$2.457 13 3.10 (3m 110yd ch) 1. Bayerd (Michael Brennan, 4-1) Frished alone Demonac 4-5 fav (f) 4 ran J O'Shea Tote £4 10 DF: £1.20, CSF £4.55. 3.40 (2m 41 hdle) 1, Hacketts Cross (R Johnson, 7-2): 2, Sherif (13-8 tay), 3, Chief Mouse (15-8), 4 ran Hd, 6, P Eccles, Tote: 03.30 DF 93.50, CSF 99.06

1.10 (1.10) (1.1

4.45 (2m 11 hdle) 1, Young Dalesmen (T Eley, 25-1); 2, Totally Yours (30-100 fav) 3, Raw Deal (40-1); 9 mm 1 1 id 18l. A Streeter Tote: 251 90; 24.90, 21.30, 23.70 DF: 212.50. Tno. 256.60 CSF: 233.36 DF: 12:30.

S-20 (2m 1) Indie) 1, Dawn Summit (R. Johnson, 6-4 tay); 2. Propellant (7-2); 3. Real Fire (6-1), 7 ran, 5: 3%; P. Bradley Tole: \$2.30; £1 40, £2.30 DF: £4.70 CSF. £5.10.

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8.25 BAILEYS IRISH CREAM NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0, £3,241; 6) 5yd) (8) 7 2122 JACABAR 39 (CD.F) Mcs. I. Perrati 9-7
2 1643 DAYS OF GRADE 15 ft) M Mescre 9-2
3 2334 JACABAR 5 BOY 86 ft) J Berry 9-1
465 SART ANN 14 M Johnston 1-1
5 052 MYSTERY GLEST 18 M Prescut 8-10
6 130 MIGHTY SURE 25 13 M W Excelling 6-3
7 0302 SWANNORE LADY 24 SC Williams, 7-11
3 6826 COSABC CASE 7-1 Golde 7-10

COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS, J Wester, 42 witness from 181 rates, 26 1%; S Copp. 4 from 18 22.2%, J Forkine, 26 from 124, 19 4%, R Harlin, 6 from 35, 17 1%, D Winghi, 8 from 48, 16.7%, A Mackey, 20 from 121, 16.5%

MARKET RASEN

6.15 In Good Faith. 6.45 Red Jam Jar. 7.15 Blair Castle. 7.45 Le Grand Gousier. 8.15 Mine's An Ace.

#URDLE (Amaleurs: £1,982; 2m 11 10yd) (9 runners)

1 41-P in GOOD FAITH 4F (D.F.) J.J. Dunn 5-12-0 A Windo (7)

2 -PG MERRY PANTO 7 (F.G.) L. Roors 8-11-6 Earnes (7)

3 -252 FRSSY THYNE 15 M Nammond 8-11-4 C Bonner (3)

5 -252 DOWN THE VARO 7 M Crepton 4-10-11 Miss P Robert (5)

5 55-0 SUMMER VILLA 45 (8) k Wington 5-10-4 O MoPhad (7)

6 84-0 TOTAO 11 Mr. L. Heeld 7-10-5 Earnes (7)

7 4GS TULLOW LADY 7 In Store 6-10-3 Subsect (7)

8 0-5 SOURSERSBY 6F Mr. N Macanley 6-10-1 Miss R Clark (5)

9 0-5 EARL GAAY 80 (F.G.) A J LOORSOON (10-10-0 Miss A Deniel (7)

11-4 Focky Toyne 4-1 Down The Yant, Tallow Lady, 5-1 in Good Faith, 8-1 Mony Pasto, (2)-1 Sammer Villa Totan, 50-1 Earl Gay.

6.45 CLAYTON WALK PLACE SELLING
HANDICAP HURDLE (\$71,839; 2m 51 170yd) (10)

1 5221 FW FLASS 7 (CD,F,S,) Mr; 5 Cm/m 9:12-0 R Wilmunson (5)
2 004- RCD JABJ JAR 63 (CD,F,S) S Bell 12-19 K Johnson
3 PP PREDBLAGENERY REA (6,5) S Rothern 10-11-4 M A REpresal
4 55-5 CAN SPE CAN CAN 187 C Sm/m 5-10-1 M A Represal
5 03-2 UA9 147 (6) J Parkes 7-10-5 M CONDON
6 3-45 SUSELLA 7 J J Jefferson 6-10-1 L Wyer
7 629- LST FOR A REASON 30 (G) R Josées 5-10-2 M Wildelmighton
5 PA- CREANAL RECORD 34 (B,F) P Bastley 7-10-0 W Windhington
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5 PA- CREANAL P PARKEN MARS 5-1 (2n She (an Can 7-1) Red Jam

7.15 FRESHNEY PLACE NOVICES CHASE

7.45 INTERFLORA/FLEURTATIONS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O \$2,938. 2m 11 110yd) (10)

FRUNDLE (3-1-0 12,330, 2111 11 10)(0) (10)

GUBS FOR SROKE 36F IC Vam 10-10 I Mages (3)

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126 GEFORISM 42F M Symethy 10-10 ... A Debban

LOSTHERN MAESTRO 38F Ms M Revely 10-10 ... P Mees

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MISS ALICE 3F C. Contr. 10-5 M Ranger

Mass ALICE 3F C. Contr. 10-5 11-4 Stang For Broke, 7-2 Le Gord Ebuser, 9-2 Jackson Falts, 6-1 lungdom Emperus, Nichtern Massim, 14-1 others.

8.15 FRIARGATE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,687; 2m, 4f) (4)

7 1-22 LENET'S AN ACE 7 (D.F.G.5) 45-5 V Williams 10-12-0 R Greene 2 23-2 THE TOASTER 57 (F.G.5) 46-5 M Multigen 10-11-5 . L Wyor 3 5-63 RUPPLES 7 (C.F.G.) M Coopering 10-10-0 . W Worthlagen 4 0-33 LOSCHEVOUS GIFL 7 (F) R Tate 9-10-0 . . Mrs F Needham 6-4 Mine's An Ace 7-4 The Toester 4-1 Repples, 11-2 Mischerous Gul

(£2,495: 2m 1f 110yd) (11)

11.4 Day For Gott, 7-2 Petit Flora, 4-1 Rosa Da Toux, 7-1 Mediday Comboy, 8-1 Acres s Fitchen, Shetab, 16-1 Abyss, 12-1 others

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

6.05 Delight Of Dawn. 6.35 Charlies Lad. 7.05 Krosno. 7.35 City Gambler. 8.05 Totem Dancer. 8.35 Classic Ballet.

GOING GOOD TO FIRM (TURF)

DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

5.05 ALEXIR PACKAGING APPRENTICE HANDICAP (\$2,148, 71 140yd) (18 runners)

9-2 Chana Hati Lad. 6-1 Napoleonis Return, 7-1 Deligita Of Casan. Sold Lance. 6-1. Longs Gold. (Red. Francisco, 10-1 Species s Revenge, 12-1 others.

6.35 ABACUS RESEARCH SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0' £2,337.61) (11) ARCS (2-1-0" ±2,337, 0) (11)
1250 ARM ARD ALEG 8 (1 DE ARC 3-2)
2 2011 CHARLES LAD 5 (D.F) F Suel 3-2
3 2665 ZERRADA TRANSCE 7 1 P **aprel 3-5
4 000 CH. TERN BERTALD 3 * 2-6+3-4
5 0655 DODE CHOSSROADS 47 5 June 8-6
6 0 MSS LADY LYDOS 7 7 5 June 8-6
7 0566 MULA'S MAGGETT (8) ** vory 3-6
6 RELEMBER FRIE BY 35 C mit 3-4
9 04 SATE 32 M CHARLES **35 C mit 3-4
9 04 SATE 32 M CHARLES **4
9 0660 SCHOTE 15 M LEGALE 8-6 P Boombeld 3 A Firench (3) 4 J Causin 2 D Salt (7) 10 A Morris 11 10 0600 SCENE 16 M Mande 6-5 11 6 WAYTOGORD 7 May 8 Sanders 8-6

9-4 Charles (ad. 5-1 Arm And Alleg, 7-1 Sermada Transple, Sain. 6-1 Cole Crissicals, 16-1 Major Magor Mayorymo, 14-1 offers 7.05 BAA LONDON GATWICK HANDICAP (\$3,044: 1m 31 166yd) (9)

SKY 1 345 MROSHO 22 (CDF) 51 Alliams 3-9-10
2 505 ARRACH 8511 (DF G) R 9 Johnson 7-9-5
3 6421 SCOR RCP 9 (F G) L 1 (F G) Alliams 7-9-5
4 0305 ALBAHTARAM 23 (B.D.R. C Least 5-3-2)
5 4022 SAPPARE SCM 9 (BF D) 61 F John 5-3-10
6 0-06 PROMITERS OUR 12 SC (B) Max C 5-3-10
7 0-26 SUPERMOX 8 (BF D) M Max C 5-3-1
9 5000 MROV PROMITERS 9 (D) F JOH 1 ARROW 4-7-13
9 5000 MROV PROMITERS 9 (D) F JOH 1 ARROW 4-7-13 A Proces 8
Candy Ulone, 2
Paul Eddery 9
R Firench (3) 3
Sophie Marchest 5
Lil Roberts 7 7-6 Hassin, 5-1 Supermon 7-1 Sods Pro Septime Son Colons Sourcello. 6-1 Altransamor Fundos Cult. 20-1 others

7.35 WESTMEAD WINNERS MAIDEN SKY STAKES (3-Y-0· £2,670 71 140yd) (10) 950 GUTTERRAS 11 (Bicari 94) 80 KALMOOND 10 (Par 9-)

2 100 RATIOURN TO 1948-1.
3 3340 CITY GAMBLER 49 G Exc. r. p. 9 .
4 D-0 FORWARD LESS 24 C Process 5-9 .
5 G GALANY FLIGHT 9 M Uzzes 6-9 .
6 Ob LASS NALAGION 197 T Wall 2-9 .
7 0 MODINALK 31 M Harres 6-1 .
8 -000 OVER THE MOOR 12 M Forestan-Godey .
9 -6-00 SHE'S ELECTRIC 9 I Enger 9-3 .
10 0-30 SUPER SCRAMELS 3 (RF) K Mand 8-9 . 5-4 City Gambier, 5-1 Galary Flight, 6-1 Githering, Septer Scraudt, 5-1 Grea Tre. Moon, 16-1 Med. Ralaylear, 20-1 Glocatelli, Cher's Electric, 35-1 ottest.

8.05 SUN PUNTERS CLUB LIMITED STAKES (All-weather: £2,940, 2m) (6) 1 4510 DARK WATERS 28 (CD) N Gestum 4-9-8 2 3322 MISTER ASPECTO 4 (VCF) U Jahrston 4-9-9 3 6550 SLP JR 4 (CC) F (UVR 4-9-9 4 4-26 WARM SPELL 25 (C.6.5) L L Moore 7-9-8 5 -060 TOTTER DARKOF 48 (6) June 4-9-5 6 0040 BEHAND THE SCENES 9 (S) C Cyzer 3-8-9 G Millingan (5) 6 B Doyle 4 N Fallon 2

9-4 Moter Aspecto, 5-2 Step Jig. 3-1 Warm Spell, 7-1 Total Dance: 10-1 Dan Waters 12-1 Behind The Scenes: 8.35 SAXBY FILLIES HANDICAP (All-weather: £2,277: 1m 2f) (6)

1 2112 CLASSIC BALLET 5 (F) R Guest 4-10-0 C Lowther (5) 6
2 -030 SODEN 47 (F) T Mile 3-9-10 R Phrench (3) 4
3 0-06 WILLER RUSHTON 45 (D,G) 6 L Mone 4-9-9 M Wigham 5
4 ,0-0 WOODRISNG 12 0D,F 6) C Egeton 5-9-8 M Tebbut 3
5 6542 SISHS AND WONDERS 7 (BF) C Crze 3-9-5 A Whelson (3) 2
6 4005 HARLEGUAN WALK 9 (C,D,G) R 0 Sedimen 6-9-12 J Ounn (

6-4 Classic Ballet, 9-4 Signs And Wonders. 11-2 Woodusing. 7-1 Willie Russton. Harleouth Walk, 8-1 Soden.

going: good to firm

6.15 NEW BIGGIN WALK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,982: 2m 1f 110yd) (9 nunners)

2.11 EAR CASTLE 7 (C.F.G) G Eading 6-11-12 — A Maguire
2.25- EOSTON MAN 63 (G) R Woodbase 6-11-0 — W Distan
2.PG-C DRAMBATIC PASS 28F M Chapman 8-11-0 . W Worthington
4.P15- Far AND FANCE 98 (G.S) Mass M Milliogan 6-11-0 A S Smith
5.8-0 SHARP SENSATION 49 (F.G) G A Harter 7-11-0 . W Marston
6. T-6. THE COFFORD DON 21 (F.G) N J Profilet 9-11-0 . W Marston
2.230 WALKES TALL 11 (B.D.F.) T Marstonern 6-11-0 M A Ricparald
5.50 CRINSSON BROCADE 875 C Fasture 6-10-9 . J Calappine 1-2 Blue Cartie, 9-2 Sestim Main 7-1 Making Tall, 8-1 Fair And Fancy, 10-1 others

8.45 BAXTERGATE MAIDEN HURDLE

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRACERS' G Balcing, 3 witness from 7 natures, 42.9%, C Mann, 5 from 12, 41.7%, C Brooks, 3 from 10, 30.0%, T Easterby, 3 from 12, 25.0%, Ms M Revelley, 22 from 92, 23.9%, JOCKEYS, Lis C Borner 3 womens from 13 rades, 23.1%, L Wyer, 18 from 101, 17.8%, P Wyer, 17 from 110, 15.5%; A Magazin, 11 from 74, 14.9%; J Occorne, 5 from 38, 13.9%,

NEWTON ABBOT

2.25 Running De Cerisy. 2.55 Irkutsk, 3.25 Yubralee. 3.55 Lord Nitrogen. 4.30 Herbert Buchanan. 5.05

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.25 OPENING EVENT JUVENILE NOVICES **HURDLE** (3-Y-O: £2,709, 2m 1f) (8 runners)

1 20-1 RUNNING DE CERGSY 58 (B.S) M Pipe 11-2
POATER 44F R Frest 10-10
FRST MAN 50F E Lievellyn 10-10
ECHYD-10-5 ON 19el 10-10
SUBMA CREEK 95F F Nobbs 10-10
THE GREEN GREY 14F W Mar 10-10
BONT FORGET SHOKA 19F J S More 10-5 A P McCoy
J Frost
Gay Lewis (3)
C Llewillyn
G Tormey
J Power (7)
M Richards
W McFarland 10-11 Russiag De Cerisy 9-2 Basies, 6-1 lectryd-Da. 7-1 Slietta Greek 8-1 The Green Grey 20-1 Don't Forget Shoka, 25-1 Southern Chief, 33-1 First Man

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2.55 CLIVE MORGAN SELLING HURDLE

1 /O-P TOUCH SLIVER 36 (D.S) H Manner: 7-11-12 Miss A Dodley (7)
2 215- PROUD MAGE 95 (F) W Pytile 5-11-5 Gary Lews (3)
3 2-1 CHOCOLATE (CE 19 (F) U Shea 4-11-2 Michael Bernam (3)
4 100- SAM ROCKETT 77 (D.F) Gay Keltas; 7-11-2 Michael Bernam (3)
5 00- DUNGANNON LAD 73 W 6-M Lums 6-10-12 M Williamsgrow (7)
6 04-5 HALHAM TARM 19 (D.S) H Manner 7-10-12 A Dodley (7)
7 1367 WRUTSK 681 (CD.F.S) 14 Pipe 6-10-12 A Dodley (7)
8 06-P COLERROOK WILLIE 19 U Loyd 4-10-9 D J Brochell
8 Users 6-3 Chromoteles B-3 Decorations 11-2 Fam Brocks 110-1 White 15-6 Ingst.A. 5-2 Chocolais Ice. 9-2 Proud Image, 11-2 Sam Rockett, 10-1 Hüstam Tam, 16-1 Touch Silver, Colebrook Willer, 20-1 Dangamen Lad

3.25 FLORIDA NOVICES CHASE (£2,778: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 62-0 CARDAN 17 (B) R Frozt 11-10-12 2 FLM4 RELIGIA 7 (F) H Namors 10-10-12 3 - 2FT THIS IS MY LIFE 7 (D,F) C Brook 8-10-12 4 3-05 FRASER CAREY 17 (B)D,F) T Gende 5-10-9 5 - 302 VERDE LUBAN 17 (F) D Arbuthout 5-10-9 6 112- VIRRALEE 6 BIR D,F,G,S) M Prog 5-10-9 7 PO-F MISTRESS TUDOR 17 5 Metro 6-10-7 5-4 Yubsaler 5-2 Verde Lona, 4-1 Trus is Uly Life 8-1 Fraser Carey, 14-1 Ulishess Tudor, 16-1 Cardão, 25-1 Reficon

3.55 EIRE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES **HANDICAP HURDLE** (£1,881, 2m 6l) (8)

1 1-22 LORD NITROGEN 24 (6) 8 Lisuethy 7-71-10 Michael Brentan
2 3-54 OSTANT STORM 11 B Levellyn 4-11-5 Gry Lewis
3 734 MICHAEL EADER 63 D Hydr 7-11-0 A Bates
4 01-6 Minwesam 34 A Hobb 4-10-3 G Shendon
5 43-6 GERRY'S PRIDE 56 J Maillor, 6-10-6 P Henloy
6 F23 SAXON MEAD 101 (B) P Hobbs 7-10-5 D J Kavanago
7 RP1- KARICLEIGH BOY 68P (F.S) R Froz 9-10-3 1 O'Connec (7)
6 6344 KNN6 ALRYLIC 36 R Begineton 6-10-0 X Augusta 7-4 Saron Mead, 3-1 Lord Mirrogen, 9-2 Mountain Leadus, 7-7 Distard Straim, 10-7 Gerry's Phate, 12-1 Karnaleigh Boy, King Actylic 25-1 Miriotsam.

4.30 NEWTON ABBOT TOWN DAY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,792: 2m 5! 110yd) (6)

: 322- HERBERT BUCHANAN 99 (CD.F.G) P Nachork 7-11-18 A P McCoy A P McCoy
2 321- MR PLAYFULL 72 (F.G.S) R Frost 7-11-7 _____ J Frost
3 PU-P TRUST DEED 28F (B.F.G.) S Langt/J 9-10-12 ____ D Saler (5)
4 4654 RORTHERN OPTIMIST 15 (F.G.) B Linestyn 9-10-5 B Pomell
5 /14- JAY JAY'S VOYAGE 112 (CD.F) Mrg. J Scrivets. 14-10-3 T Reservable (3). T Descombe (3)
6 235- MINERS REST 66 (F) P Hobbs 9-10-1 Mr R Widger (7) 31-8 Herbert Buchanan, 7-4 sår Playlull, 6-1 Manert Rest, 10-1 Jay Jay's Voyage 14-1 Marthern Optimist, 16-1 Trust Deed.

5.05 PHOENIX PRINT HANDICAP RURDLE

(£2,117: 2m 1f) (6) 1 224 FALSTING 72 (BF.F) P Hobbs 5-12-0 A P McCoy
2 15-3 COMMOSSEN 15F (B.D.F) M Pros 4-11-9 S Wynne
3 3P-P MAN MODD 56 (D.G.S.) C Brobs 5-11-7 M Berry (7)
4 42-2 CODLEY'S VALVE 11 (F) Mrs 5 Williams 9-11-6
5 407 TAMED MAN 19 (F) J O'Shoa 5-10-1 Merchael Brancan (3)
6 1F-6 SHETING MOON 10F (CD.F) F Jordan 5-10-0 ... R Johnson 9-4 Comiosser, 3-1 Faistino, 7-2 Tango Man. 4-1 Cooley's Velve, 8-1 Shitting McCop. 20-1 Man Mood

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J O'Shez, 3 wonners born 9 namers, 33.3% P Hebbs, 48 from 158, 30.4%, C Brooks, 6 from 20, 30.0%, S Melton, 4 from 15, 26.7%, P Nacholis, 34 from 132, 25.6%, M Pipe, 89 from 354, 25.1%, JOCKEYS: D J Ruchell, & winners from 15 (rides, 40 0%, 6 Bladley, 14 limm 45, 31 %, A P McCoy, 37 limm 132, 28,0%, C Tommey, 7 born 31, 22,6%, M Richards, 8 from 42, 19,0%, A Thornton, 13 lions 71, 18,3%.

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CHANGING TIMES

England debate centres on Thorpe



Thorpe: lacking belief

scored three Test centuries in four matches earlier this year. is in sudden danger of losing his England place as the selectors strive for a combination to reverse the material and psychological shifts of the Ashes series.

Thorpe has failed to pass 30 in his past six Test innings. Certain of his dismissals have en self-induced, while his slip fielding has suffered some alarming lapses. Most pertinently, he has given the im-pression of being morose, weary and distracted. The selectors, who meet

today in London, are understandably anxious about the rapidly altered mood of their ream and aware that, at 2-1 down with two to play, it has to be put right before the fifth Test begins at Trent Bridge on Thursday.

CRICKET

Alan Lee believes both Hollioake brothers could find places in the party for next week's fifth Test at Trent Bridge

straightforward decision to reinstate Andy Caddick for Mike Smith and to give Adam Hollioake his debut at the expense of Mark Ealham. Smith and Ealham, however, are soft targets and nobody will be easer to leave out Thorpe. A left-hander in the middle order is considered an asset against Shane Warne — notwithstanding the fact that Thorpe, who does not pick him, sweeps compulsively and there is no sustainable argument to replace him on

county form. Mental considerations will weigh heavily, however, and if Thorpe is eventually omlitted from the Trent Bridge XI it will be because, at present, he seems to lack vitality and self-

took the Australians most of

the morning to find their focus. Healy, untypically,

dropped a regulation catch

and loose opening spells by

Kasprowicz and Julian were

punished by the enterprising

Keith Parsons, who reached

71, the top score in the county's

innings, before being undone

by the short-pitched ball.

Holloway, less assertively, contributed II to a first-wicket

Gradually, a Somerset side

lacking the injured Bowler,

Harden and Mushtaq Ahmed

was reduced to 167 for six and

had Waugh persisted with

McGrath, bowling with genu-

ine pace, and Warne, extract-

ing turn from a straw-

coloured pitch, they would

never have recovered as they did. Ecclestone, Trescothick

and Lathwell were all hapless

victims of Warne and Turner

promised to join the proces-

sion before Waugh took pity

and turned to the less de-

manding pairing of Bevan

stand of 95.

belief. If he is spared, which remains likely, it will be because there is no compelling rate as an outlandish punt by candidate to replace him. the selectors, for Hollicake A few old suspects will be minor has done little in his lined up as contenders, notachampionship cricket for Surrey. Its attractions in psybly Mark Ramprakash, who continues to play beautifully chological terms, however, are

for Middlesex on good and bad pitches alike. His ability Hollioake might be just what the dressing-room requires.
Positional changes within the batting order should see Nasser Hussain move up to has never been in doubt. After 19 Tests for an average of 16, it is his head for heights that counts against him. Chris Adams will be discussed and No 3, a place ahead of John Crawley, with the out of sorts perhaps even Graeme Hick, who does, after all, average 42 Alec Stewart shifted down to in his Test cricket against Australia. One other option is No 6. If his present form both as batsman and wicketkeeper to include Hollioake major in continues, Jack Russell may yet play his fiftieth Test before the top six, either retaining Ealham or replacing him with the younger Hollioake, Ben. Phil Tufnell is, this time, a

even consider using both spin bowlers, especially as injuries troubling Ashley Cowan and This last theory will have popular backing but would Alex Tudor are restricting their alternatives in the fast bowling area. The management structure around the England team continues to evolve and 140 applications have been re-

ceived for the new administraobvious and the brothers tive position of international teams' director. Yesterday, however, the corporate affairs executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), Richard Little, abruptly stood down, part of Lord Maclau-rin's shake-up of the board's Possible England party:

Atherton, Butcher, Hussain, Crawley, Thorpe, Stewart, A Hollioake, B Hollioake, Croft, Tufnell, Gough, Caddick,

Essex take cue from Law's bold example

By Michael Henderson

COLCHESTER (second day for four): Leicestershire, with eight fürst-innings wickets in hand, are 515 runs behind

ESSEX batted with real purpose yesterday, to try to shape a winning position in a match that lost 45 overs on the first day to rain. Stuart Law made his highest score for the club. Nasser Hussain contributed an extra hundred and there were runs for Ronnie Irani and Paul Grayson, who shared a fifth-wicket partnership of 143. Then they took two wickets in the ten overs that were left to them after Prich-

ard had declared. Laws 175 — four runs short of his best first-class score, for Queensland against Tasmania - took the palm, for it was absolutely outstanding. In an hour and a half yesterday morning, before the rain re-turned, he and Hussain made 122 quite glorious runs and when he was stumped, jumping out of his crease to drive Brimson, he was a very disappointed batsman.

It was a joy to watch somebody play in such a freespirited way. Indeed, if there is i more attractive innings in the championship this season, then those who see it will be lucky. Law is not only a fine all-round cricketer, he is also a superb entertainer. He sprinkled stardust here, and lit up

two rather murky days. He made his runs from 223 balls with 23 fours and those three sixes he hit on Thursday. Hussain, who was happy to watch him lead the charge at first, hardly suffered by comparison when they resumed. Early in the morning he took three successive boundaries off Millns and, by moving his feet with characteristic swiftness, he belted Pierson over

the rope at mid-wicket. Hussain features in

highest third, fourth and fifthwicker stands in the club's history, which is a record well worth having. He and Law were 30 runs short of the 347. that Hussain shared with Mark Waugh, against Lanca-shire at Ilford five years ago, when Law finally capitulated but they would no doubt settle for making 317 every time they batted together.

Having gone to his second hundred of the week, following the one he made in England's second imnings at Headingley, Hussain eventually went after batting 512 hours for 128. Whitaker held a low catch when Hussain advanced to drive Brimson and sent the ball whirling towards

backward point.

If Leicestershire felt they had earned some respite from the shellacking their bowlers were taking. Grayson and Irani disabused them by going for their shots in an uninhibited manner.

Grayson, who has grown up 🦹 considerably since he joined Essex from Yorkshire last year, hatted more freely even than Irani, who has never been a shy soul.

To his seven fours, Grayson added a pulled six off Mulially as he went to his half-century in 60 balls. Essex went into tea at 451 for four and the fifthwicket partnership was only broken when Pierson bowled Grayson behind his legs.

Irani did not long outlast him. Wells, at mid-on, took the catch that ended his innings of 76 and gave Pierson another wicket. In poor light, Essex declared on \$33 for eight, their highest score of the season.

They have won their past three championship matches here by an innings and will resume today ever hopeful. Traditionally, the ball turns on this ground and, with his second ball, Such had Maddy caught at short leg.

Masterly Russell's pertinent reminder

BRISTOL (first day of four; Pakistan A won toss): Pakistan A, with five first-inning wickets in hand, are 54 runs behind Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE would not have dared to imagine themselves in such an even position when they collapsed to eight for three and 23 for five on a quick, grassy pitch. Yet the powers of recovery that have underpinned their challenge for the championship were evident again as they fought back against a capable and moti-

vated Pakistan A side. Tim Hancock and Martyn Ball completed half-centurie and Jack Russell contributed an important 26 after the new ball attack of Shoaib Akhtar and Abdur Razzak filleted the top order. Akhtar, 21, bowled 17 brisk overs from a run-up stretching three-quarters of the way to the sightscreen and returned the best figures of

the tour of five for 62. He struck Windows on the helmet shortly before a brief break for rain and hit Trainor's off stump on the resumption. In the next over, from Razzak, Windows was leg-before and Church edged to second slip. A firm stroke by Dawson was snaffled instinctively at short leg by Salim Elahi and Alleyne fended the next ball, which rose

sharply, to gully.

Somewhat excitably, the tourists revealed their inexperience by bowling too short. Hancock, in particular, hooked with elan in reaching 50 in 137 minutes. Four balls later, he drove tamely to second slip.

Ball worked the tiring Akhtar off his legs for six and produced further well-timed strokes before he, too, perished soon after completing 50, in 91 minutes, when he hooked Razzak to long leg.
Other than Akhtar, the

wicketkeeping of the dexter-ous Javed Qadeer took the eve. It was some achiever not to concede a bye in unfamiliar conditions and, the innings over for 167, he could sit back and study, in Russell, a master at work.

Mike Smith removed Ali Naqvi before Russell held Salim Elahi to his right off Lewis, moved swiftly to account for Mujahid Jamshed, and then took a sharp, low chance offered by Rana Qayyum off Hancock. He would not let England down if recalled for Trent Bridge.

Sussex fail to come to terms with Donald

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Sussex, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 157 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Warwickshire

SUSSEX had the misfortune to be caught on an ideal pitch for seam bowlers at Edgbaston and, reeling from a scorching new-ball burst by Allan Donald, were routed for 63 by Graeme Welch and Dougle Brown, his heachmen. Donald took four for 11 in

10.2 overs, Weich had two for 22 and Brown three for 30. Sussex, demoralised and outclassed, contributed to their downfall with some reckless strokes: but Donald would have overpowered better teams than they. Following on 164 behind, they lost their openers for

seven runs in four overs after. two short breaks for bad light. From unpromising beginnings — two breaks for rain within 67 minutes of the start it was a remarkable and. except for Sussex, a rivetting day's play, stemming from an innings of enterprise and flair by Neil Smith.

Arriving at 60 for three after Warwickshire had lost three wickers for four runs, Smith counter-attacked so effectively that, with Mark Wagh, he added 70 in 57 minutes, swinging the initiative.

On a pitch offering plentiful movement off the seam as well as variable bounce, Smith hit seven ringing fours off 46 balls, spreading confidence throughout the lower order. There was a further twist. however, for when Warwickshire lost Welch at 188 for nine Moles, who broke a finger yesterday, emerged through the pavilion gate as Sussex were walking off. Throwing the bat at anything that gave him room to swing, he smashed five fours off 15 balls.

It meant that to save the follow-on, Sussex needed 78 instead of 39, a target they never looked confident of reaching when Donald, having passed the hat nine times, dismissed Pierce and Athey in three balls in his sixth over, Athey with one that straightened off the pitch to flatten his off stump.

Apart from Keith Newell. who hung on for almost an hour, and Drakes, whose 15 included a six and two fours. the rest was a procession. In 117 minutes, they were in and out

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Incisive Caddick makes his point

TAUNTON (first day of four: Somerset won toss): The Auswith five boundaries - and tralians, with six first-innings Langer had their stumps shattered via inside edges. While wickets in hand, are 102 runs Caddick seamed the ball off a tight line, the bowling at the other end could hardly have ANDREW CADDICK, contentiously dropped from the been more profligate, the first

England side that lost the fourth Test match at Headingley earlier this week. produced a hostile yet disci-plined spell of three for 30 in ten overs when he was reacquainted with the touring team for Somerset yesterday. It was a performance impressive enough to ensure his the tour to 45 — as Somerset were dismissed for 284. recall for the next Test at Trent Bridge not that there was much doubt about that.

Having had some angry words to say when he learnt of his omission at Leeds, Caddick let the ball speak for him as he claimed the wickets of Slater, Blewett and Langer in the space of 18 balls on a pitch of pace and bounce that suited him well.

After Slater had attempted to hook a ball that was not short enough for the shot and skied a catch to Turner.

Mark Waugh's failure to stay Blewett - having moved to 20 until stumps after moving effortlessly to 37. Having had only one practice session in three days since the end of the fourth Test, it

ten overs from Andre van Troost and Steffan Jones yielding 19 fours and 108 runs. Earlier, Caddick, pointedly batting in his England helmet. struck a few well-timed blows to reach 16 before miscuing a drive off Warne, who finished with figures of five for 57 taking his first-class tally for

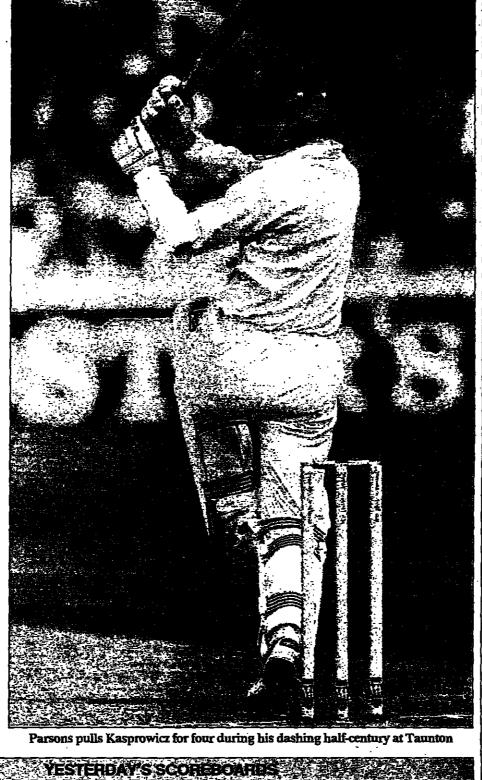
With Steve Waugh - captain in the absence of Mark Taylor, who took the surprise decision to forego much-needed batting practice to spend a week with his family in Manchester - scoring a coolly efficient unbeaten half-century against his old county, the Australians closed on 182 for four, having scored at a rate of nearly six an over. One of the few disappointments for a capacity crowd of 6,000 was

ater c Turner b Caddick FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-63, 3-82, 4-145.

Umpres: N T Plews and J F Steele

SCOREBOARD FROM TAUNTON

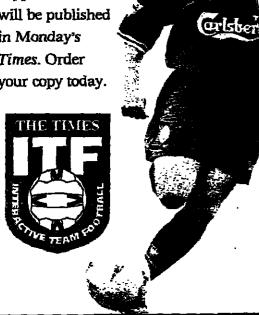
Turner duly settled down to occupy the crease for an hour half-century and share a partnership of 73 with Herzberg. In the end, Warne was recalled to sweep up the tail and accounted for Caddick and van Troost, though not with-out some slapstick. It was not one of Warne's best performances but it was quite good



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Gloucestershire v Pakistan A

enough for this Somerset side.

BRISTOL (first day of four, Pakistan A won toss): Pakistan A, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 54 nurs behind Goucastershite **GLOUCESTERSHIPS:** First Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-8, 3-8, 4-23, 5-23, 6-86, 7-114, 8-159, 9-164. 90WLING: Shoelb Akhter 17-3-62-5; Abdul Razak 11.2-3-33-4; Azher Mahmood 13-4-35-0; Ali Naoyi 2-0-9-0; Ali Husein Rizvi 8-2-22-1

PAKISTAN A: First Innings Mujahid Jamshed c R Hasan Raza not out ... Hasan Raza not out ...
*Mohammad Wasm c Alleyne b Ball Rane Cayyum c Russell b Hencock (Llaved Cadh not out Extras (to 2, no 4)

Total (5 wids) Azher Mehmood, Abdul Razzak, Ali Husein Rizvi and Shoeib Akinter to bel. FALL OF WICKETS 1-8, 2-47, 3-75, 4-79, 900MLING: Smith 10-4-29-1; Lewis 11-3-31-1; Allewie 6-3-9-0; Ball 10-3-32-2: Hancock 5-3-6-1; Windows 1-0-4-0 Umpres: M J Kitchen and P. Palmar

Britannic Assurance county championship

Durham v Derbyshire CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of four) Durham, with seven second-mings within the second second-mings with the second second-mings are second-mings and second-mings are second-mings. DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 254 (C J Adams 107, S J E Brown 4 (or 63)

Second Innings V P Clarke c Speak b Betts ...

K M Kritten not out

P A J Defraces b Brown A J Harts fow b Brown

K J Dean c Speek b Brown

D E Malcolm b Foster Extrata (8b 4) _____

DURHAM: First Innings

Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire BOWLING; Brown 15-5-56-5. Wood 12-2-42-1; Betts 9-2-20-1; Foster 11.4-3-33-2.

30WLING: Malcolm 14-3-30-2; Hams 21-1 72-3, DeFreitas 15-3-37-5; Dean 7-0-31-0. Second Imangs J B Lewes not out
Hutton low b Malcotm
E Morris c Krikten b Malcotm
I J Speak c Rollins b Harris

Borus points: Glamorgan 4 Nottinghamshire 0. Impires: H D Bird and G Sharp. Total (3 wids) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-25, 3-28,

Borus points: Durham 4 Derbyshire 6, Essex v Leicestershire

COLCHESTER (second day of four): Laucestershire, with eight first-finings wick-ets in hand, are \$15 runs behind Essex ESSEX: First Innings D J Phobard c and b Mullally.

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P Grayson b Piarson Crayson D Preson ... Lew c Noon b Miles I Rollins c Miles b Preson ...

J Wood not out S J E Brown ; Krikken b DeFreitas Ednas (b 4, w 2, nb 4)

Total (57 overs):

Total (8 wids dec) Score at 120 overs: 466-4 P M Such did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-9, 3-326, 4-363, 5-506, 6-509, 7-527, 8-529. BOWLING Milles 28.8-97-2: Multilly 33-7 114-1; Johnson 7-1-38-0; Weds 7-2-35-0 Brimson 32-5-124-2; Pierson 23-2-109-3

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings J Wells c Rollins b Coxen ... L Maddy c Robinson b Such Maddy c Robinson b Such K Pierson not out Ednas (b. 4, nb. 2) - ... Total (2 wids, 10 overs) ... *JJ Whitaker, N.C. Johnson, B.F. Smith, 1P.A. Natin, D. J. Millins, A. D. Mullelly and M. I. Britison to bet FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-11 BOWLING: Couse: 3-1-3-1; leav 3-0-8-0; Such 2-2-0-1, Powel 2-0-3-0 Bonus points: Essex 4 Leicostarehire 1

COLWYN BAY (second day of four, Nationalisms have less) Nationalism Natingingmishes wan tossi Matingham-shie have scared 165 for nino wickets against Glaramers. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Imings

Total (8 wkts, 52 overs) 165
FALL OF WICKETS 1-21, 2-71, 3-78, 4-108, 5-112, 6-131, 7-158, 8-160, 9-163.

SOMUNG: Wager Younis 13-1-57-3; Walkin 10-3-41-2; Croft 22-8-35-3; Thomas 7-1-29-1. CLAMCORGAN: S P James, H Morris, Cale, "M P Maynard, P A Cottey, R D Croft. †A D Shew. Waqar Youris, S Thomas, S L Walkin, G P Butcher.

Warwickshire v Sussex

EDGEASTON (second day of lour): Sussex, with eight second-thrange uncless in hand, need 157 runs to avoid an hrangs datest against Warwickshire: First Inrangs

F Glies b Robinson
A Donald c Edwards b Drakes tK J Priper not out _____. Extres (to 3, w 2, nb 18) _ Total (59 owers) 227
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-59, 3-80, 4-130.
5-145, 6-149, 7-154, 8-185, 9-188. 80MLING: Drakes 21-5-84-4; Kritey 10-0-50-0; Edwards 14-4-37-2; Robinson 14-0-53-4. SUSSEX: First Innings

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K Greenfield e sub b Welch
K Newell Row b Brown
TP Micross e Singh b Brown
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V C Dretes e Brown b Welch
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B J Microso h Donald.

M A Stablesson not out FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-13, 3-13, 4-20, 5-26, 6-26, 7-41, 8-56, 9-56 BOWLING Donald 10.2-5-14-4; 12-7-22-2; Brown 4-0-30-3

Second innings A K Reo e Proer b Doneld . M T É Peiros fow b Brown A D Edwards not out M A Robinson not out BOWLING. Donald 2-1-7-1; Brown 2-2-0-1. Bonus points: Wanneksting 5 Sussex 4.

Umpres: 8 Dudleston and J.H. Hampshire Worcestershire v Kent WORCESTER (second day of four). Worcestershire have scored 408 for seven wickets against Kent WORCESTERSHIRE First Immorp

Total (7 wkts, 116 overs) R J Chapman and M M Mirza to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-137, 3-143, 4-158, 5-208, 6-344, 7-381 BOWLING: Headiley 28-5-91-2; liggleeden 23-3-81-2; Strang 20-8-61-0; Ealham 22-4-80-0; Thompson 9-0-56-0; Fleming 14-2-KENT: ET Smith, A Plagtesten, TR Ward, A P Wells, G R Cowdrey, M A Eathern, M V Fleming, P A Strang, "15 A Mersh, D W Headley, J B D Thompson.

Umples: JD Bond and JH Hams. Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

HEADINGLEY (second day of four): York-stara, with all sacond-innings wickess in hand, are 46 runs behind Nadhemptonshire A McGrath & Taylor
M P Vaughan low b Taylor
D Byes b Taylor
C White low b Mchanned
B Parker b Bosses
Figure Total (52 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-29, 3-44, 4-51, 5-99, 6-117, 7-132, 8-145, 9-155
BOWLING: Nohemmed Algam 14-5-28-1; Taylor 16-3-45-6; Boswell 9-1-45-2; Pentoethy 8-2-18-0; Custan 7-2-22-1. Second Innings McGmth not out en not out n rvaugram n Botas (nb.6)... NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

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Borus points: Yorkshire 4 Northemptonshire 6. Umpires: V A Holder and R Julian. AON RISK TROPHTY (one day): The Owat Surrey 311-6 (I J Ward 97, J A Knott 82; Essex 203 (D G Wilson 87 not out). Surrey win by 108 nurs.

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CRICKET: HOLLIOAKE, SALES AND SHAH BRING THEIR EXPERIENCE TO BEAR AT UNDER-19 LEVEL

Classy England cruise to victory

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HOVE (England Under 19 won toss): England Under 19 beat Zimbabwe Under-19 by nine wickets

PERHAPS it was England's humiliation in Harare last winter at the hands of Eddo Brandes, an up-country chick-en farmer, which persuaded Mickey Stewart and his fellow selectors. John Abrahams and Graham Saville, to face the ire of some county coaches by picking the strongest possible Under-19 side for the two NatWest one-day internationals against Zimbabwe. But, in the event, such caution was hardly necessary.

Another chicken farmer Colin Delport, struck a sweet 45 not out to give the Zimba-hwe total some respectability. but there was precious little else to contend with as Eng-land swept to a comfortable nine-wicket win with 22.3 overs to spare in the opening encounter at Hove yesterday.

The gulf in class and experience was enormous and it is while England could boast Ben Hollioake, who played for the full England side in the Texaco Trophy in May, and Owais Shah, who toured with England A. among their eight regular county players, not one Zimbabwe player had first-class experience; most are still at school. The Test series to follow could be a joke unless the England selectors rethink their policy.

Hollicake, inevitably, was the main attraction for the television cameras and the small, but appreciative, crowd which included David Grave-Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting, the three national selectors. Hollicake responded with a controlled early spell of bowling in which he took two for 20 from seven overs before Delport opened his shoulders to take

19 from his last over. Later, after David Sales had departed for a ruthless 74, Hollicake got his first runs from a lucky edge before helping Shah, who made a controlled 57 not out, to secure victory with 33 from 28 (mostly wayward) deliveries. Whether the three Gs learnt anything from it is anyone's guess.



All eyes were on Hollioake yesterday as he took two wickets in the under-19 international against Zimbabwe

England's bowling, with 31 no-balls and wides. Ryan Sidebottom, whose father Arnie played once for Eng-land, bowled ten wides, while Alex Tudor, of whom much is expected, betrayed a careless streak with one wide and all

That allowed the Zimbabweans a solid start, although once Christopher Read had taken an excellent catch in front of first slip to remove Lance Malloch-Brown, the innings slipped down a gear. Read, who is under the tutelage of Jack Russell at Gloucestershire, showed a tidy pair of gloves to collect four catches, and a fortuitous. leg-side stumping to remove Muleki Mkala David Shep-

seven no-balls.

SCOREBOARD FROM HOVE

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Delport not cut FALL OF MICKETS: 1-43, 2-76, 3-77, 4-82. 5-92, 6-115, 7-152

ZIMBABWE UNDER-19

BOWLING: Tudor 10-0-46-1; Sidebotton herd referred the decision to Chris Balderstone, the third umpire, who gave Nkala out even though television pictures taken from mid-wicket

Only the opener, Douglas Marillier, and Bertus Erasmus, the captain, reached double figures while extras finished alongside Delport as

10-1-24-2: Franks 9-2-36-0; Hollooke 10-0-43-2; Coskor 6-3-18-1; Bathy 5-1-11-1

ENGLAND UNDER-19

"A First D C Nash, G J Batty, 1C M W Read, A J Tudor, P J Franks, D A Cosker and R J Sidebottom did not bat.

BOMUNG: Stewn 7.3-0-55-0; Mada 8-0-55-1; McCoun 3-0-19-0; Holiman 1-0-14-0; Engelbrecht 5-0-31-0, Neethling 3-0-21-0.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and G I Burgess.

O A Shah not out
D J G Sales c Holtman b Niala
B C Holtmake not out

Total (1 wkt. 27.3 overs)

FALL OF WICKET, 1-132

joint top-scorer.

remotely enough to worry the English and Sales and Shah quickly dispatched some bowling which had more in common with the village green

than an international stage.

Sales, in particular, was in his element. He has struggled for a permanent position in the Northamptonshire side since making a double-century on his first-class debut, but he is a powerful striker of the ball and he relished the width the Zimbabwe attack gave him. He raced to 50 from 37 balls and by the time Nkala, the only black player in the Zimbabwe side and their most impressive bowler, induced a top edge, he had hit 12 fours

Astle and Dowman offer only resistance

By PAT GIBSON

COLWAN BAY (second day of four: Nottinghamshire won toss: Nottinghamshire have scored 165 for nine wickets agains: G!amorgan

A DETERMINED innings of 62 by Nominghamshire's Matthey Dowman, who is at last beginning to fulfil the potential he showed when he made 267 for England Under-19 against West Indies four years ago, could not prevent Gla-morgan from making up for lest time yesterday.

Rain, which had washed out the first day, prevented a start until after lunch and interfered again later, but Glamor gan still picked up enough bonus points to move above Gloucestershire at the top of the county championship.

With better weather promsed for the weekend, they will be looking for their sixth victory on a pitch which should do much for the rehabilitation of Robert Croft.

Wagar Younis struck the first blow by knocking back Rebirson's off stump with his famed inswinging yorker, but the Pakistan fast bowler had to be withdrawn when Astle launched into a withering assault which brought him 47 off 40 halls, including seven fours and a six driven straight out of the ground off Croft.

Watkin had him caught behind down the leg side and dismissed Johnson, leg-before aiming across the line, before Croft began to find enough turn to make Glamorgan re-gret even more the indiscipline that had cost them the services

of North as a second spinner. Archer was caught and bowled off a leading edge and Afzaal brilliantly taken by Cottey at slip as Croft claimed three for 35 from 22 overs. Thomas yorked Tolley before Wagar returned, cursing when Dowman pulled him for six to go with his seven fours, and then roaring with delight as the left-hander holed out to Dale at mid-wicket. Dowman had defied Glamorgan for almost three hours. The rest

Golfers gripped by words of science faction

THIS is the moment to tell readers about an event that is a long-time favourite of this column: the World Scientific Congress of Golf. Papers are now being solicited for the congress next year, which will be held (naturally) at St Andrews. These will be judged on scientific merit and their relevance to the theme of the con-

The themes include: The Golfer: biomechanics of the swing, nutrition, training: psy-chology; assessment of cuaching methods: health, fitness, injuries; sociology and management; statistics of performance and handicapping, Of special interest — one might also say special relevance to this bizarre pastime - will be "the effect of ageing on player performance and incidence of golf-related injuries". The last principally psychological, I would have thought.

The Golf Course is another section: "Issues to be discussed include environmental implications for design, maintenance and management." So J had better not start scoffing and making jokes about trou-sers, had 1? At least two cheers, then, for the World Scientific Congress of Golf.

Son Diego

It seems an age since we last had a Diego story, but now I learn that Diego Junior has signed for Napoli at the age of ten. Little Diego Maradona is the illegitimate son Cristiana Sinagra and Big Diego. Big Diego has never acknowledged him, but an Italian court recognised the paternity two years ago. Now Little Diego — whom faithful readers of this space will recall created a furore when he played in a tournament in Naples earlier this year,



one of the classic examples of

selling-out the heartland of the

game in order to win over a

Now, American baseball is

all in a tizzy because new

schedules require teams from

two leagues, the National League and the American

League, to play against each other as part of the regular

season. Under the designated

hitter rule that prevails in the

American League, pitchers do not bat, the DH doing the job for them. But this season.

when an American League

team visits a National League

stadium, the game must be

played properly and the pitch-

Cleveland Indians, was hit on

the finger while batting -

trying to lay down a bunt.

since you ask, baseball fans -

and had to leave the game.

muttering: "I haven't swung a

bat in three years, not since 1

Jaret Wright, a pitcher with

crass fringe audience.

because various different clubs were all keen to claim Snaking out of my fax machhim as their very own - has signed for one of Napoli's junior clubs. Big Diego, you will remember, played for Napoli for seven years before he left in 1991, fleeing drug Gloves are off

Causing a flutter

An English bookmaking firm has caused all kinds of consternation in Italian football. Italy and it came up with the opened a book on the question of how many referees will last the course of the season about to start. Who will drop out because of injury? Who will be

This rather silly bet, appar-

Derbyshire's control Leatherdale puts dent maintained by May By JACK BAILEY

wickers in hand, need 209 runs to beat Derbyshire EVEN though they may well be chiding themselves for not achieving more than 176 in-their second innings, Derbyhad perished. Wood, Betts and Boiling all

shire will rightly believe that the chips are stacked firmly in their favour. Durham needing 257 — the highest score of the match - to win when they set out last evening, lost three wickets in the final 22 overs of the day and their cause is all but lost, despite more able resistance by Lewis. . The pitch has produced a bowlers' benefit. One shudders to think what Les Jackson in his prime would have achieved. As it is, Malcolm, DeFreitas, Harris and Dean need only to bowl straight and

to a length and let the odd occurred after his brilliant grubber and lifter do their work. It is understood that while the pitch has been reported, as it was bound to be, Durham's special dispensation for their three-year-old square will entail no visit from the inspectorate. In any event, weather permitting. Derbyshire should be for his side. In ten first-class celebrating their first championship win of the season with a day to spare. Yesterday

belonged first to the Durham real find.

-CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of four): Durham, fallen to a blinding slip catch with seven second-innings by Adams from the first ball of the day — and then to Michael May. His gritty innings of 64 hauled Derbyshire back to their feet after most of the heroes of their first innings

> played a part in seeing Dur-ham to within 80 runs of Derbyshire's first-innings total, while DeFreitas eventually wrapped up the innings for a five-wicket haul. Then, Derbyshire juggled their bat-ting order and contrived to lose their first five wickets for 50, among them Adams, who alone in this match has dictated to the bowlers. He had inadvertently rubbed some alien ointment into an eye when in the field and had difficulty seeing out of it. Luckily for Derbyshire, this

Coming in at the fall of the second wicket, May did his share of playing and missing, but he stood firm for nearly three hours and with Krikken indulged in the longest period of resistance in the match so far. It was a vital bit of cricket innings this season, May has made two centuries and two half-centuries and he looks a in Kent's ambition By DEREK HODGSON

WORCESTER (second day of four): Worcestershire have scored 409 for seven wickets

KENT will now have to rely on last-day declarations if they are to enhance their county championship ambitions on this placed pitch. There is only one outstanding team among the 18, Surrey, and they are no more reliable than the weather. The team that dodges the rain, probably Essex, will win the championship

David Leatherdale, batting at No 6, dropped at slip when 32, completed his first century of the summer off 189 balls to thwart Kent, who, having taken Worcestershire to 208 for five, must have had hopes of a quick resolution. A shower before the start

cost four overs, leaving mem-bers to continue their speculation about the England and Wales Cricket Board restructuring plan, to be unveiled on Tuesday. They fear that they are to be offered even less first-class cricket and even more rock n'roll day-night

Tom Moody and Tim Curtis had been able to score 58 before being caught at slip off 16 overs on the truncated off the new ball.

first day. Yesterday the wind was warm and sticky, offering lateral movement. With eight added, Curtis survived an appeal for leg-before and was out, caught behind, swishing at the next ball. He

was unhappy. Jack Bond, the umpire, was to follow this with two leg-before decisions in favour of Matthew Fleming. Graeme Hick took eight

overs for his first seven runs but greeted Mark Ealham with a classic off-drive for four and Julian Thompson with two pulls to the boundary. Fleming was a more difficult proposition, first re-moving Moody, who hit ten fours in his 60, and then Reuben Spiring to the fifth ball after lunch. At 156, he persuaded Hick into a mistimed pull, returning a spell of 10-2-20-3.

Gavin Haynes and Leatherdale added 65 in 21 overs, without frills. until Igglesden, who had found a little variable bounce, had Haynes jabbing down to be caught behind. The sixth-wicket pair picked up pace to take their stand to 136 in 36 overs, Vikram Solanki reaching a second successive lifty

Pressure on Taylor to tame Yorkshire

BY IVO TENNANT

HEADINGLEY (second day of four): Yorkshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 46 runs behind Northamptonshire

AFTER conceding a first-innings lead of 120. Yorkshire absolved themselves to a considerable extent through the batting of their openers, Anthony McGrath and Michael Vaughan, in the final session. Northamptonshire, for whom Rob Bailey and Kevin Curran made half-centuries, will be looking to Paul Taylor to bowl today as he did on Thursday, and to some atmospheric help for him that visiting sides expect at Headingley.

The ball did not swing as

much as on the first day or. perhaps more to the point, Yorkshire did not have the right type of bowler to use the conditions. Silverwood finished with four wickets, achieved through movement off the pitch, and Gough had nothing to show for looking to exploit the uneven bounce other than a sore knee. Northamptonshire gained a de-served lead for their diligence

after losing two early wickets. Yorkshire's first innings did not last beyond the opening over of the day, Taylor taking his sixth wicket when he had Blakey leg before. Northamptonshire then lost Warren and and the openers profited.

Fordham without scoring, both nicely caught at second slip by Bvas off Silverwood. before they were buoyed by two substantial partnerships; this while Yorkshire had need of five different substitute fielders, although not concur-rently. These included a 15-year-old work experience boy and Arnie Sidebottom, who now runs their academy and whose years of bowling into the wind have taken their toll.

Roberts and Bailey added 115, the captain authoritatively using his height to good effect, and Curren and Ripley later put on 68. Even the last wicket pairing of Mohammad Akram and Boswell, whose unbeaten 30 was a career best some managed 49

If Bailey's half-century was the most valued, in that his side had looked liable to capitulate early in his innings, then Curran's was the most inventive. With a series of short arm jabs he collected eight fours and struck Stemp onto the roof of the football stand, an amalgam of strength and timing. The most considered stroke

play, however, came when Yorkshire went in again. Neither Taylor nor Akram was able to gain the movement through the air or off the pitch that they had on the first day

On Saturday was in high school." Baseball batters wear gloves to improve grip and reduce the sting from an unsprung bat, but the idea of protective gloves is un-

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known. The Society of American Baseball Research (UK Chapters is sending to the Indians a pair of cricket batting gloves.

Washed out

Baseball continues to slumming for audiences. Milwankee Brewers, suffering from poor results and still poorer crowds, had the brainwave of offering free golf umbrellas, to go to the first 20,000 to arrive at a game against Kansas City Royals. It was called, unfancifully, the Golf Umbrella Giveaway. Unfortunately, the game was cancelled because of floods. Torrential rain left the playing field awash.

Settling a score

Primo Nebiolo's successful campaign to let druggies off more lightly in the sport of athletics - you now only get a two-year suspension the first time you get caught; before it was four years - finds an answering echo in Colombia. The national football team. faring poorly of late in the South American World Cup qualifying competition, recently managed a 1-0 win over Ecuador. The goalscorer, Anthony de Avila, said: "I'd like to dedicate the goal to all those who are, for some reason or another, deprived of their freedom. I'd like to dedicate it to Miguel and Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela." These, drug ran the Cali drug cartel.

Non-starter

ine came the startling news that Alan Shearer is to start the Great North Run soon. His chance of finishing it. I thought are slight. But no. I read on, he is just the chap who says ready, steady, go in this event that is, not inappropriately, sponsored by Bupa. The designated hitter rule is

The firm, Globet, is licensed in notion of betting on referees. It discarded for incompetence as the season progresses? Who will be kicked off the list at the season's close?

ently harmless enough, has set off the atarm-bells. Such luminaries as the Federal Procurator are investigating the business on behalf of the Italian FA: and, news still grimmer, the idea has excited the interest of the dread Guarda Finanza, or tax police. Moral: in cross-cultural deal-



Heptathlete can kick-start Britain's medal drive in world championships

Lewis plotting seven steps to heaven

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

DENISE LEWIS, the only British woman to win a medal at the Atlanta Olympic Games last year, could not be more confident that she will set the tone for a successful Great Britain team performance at world championships here. In fact, she has had a celebration already.

Not a big celebration, just a short one, on her own, in her hotel room in Crete, where she spent ten days fine-tuning her preparation for the heptathlon, which begins tomorrow. It was Wednesday evening and Lewis had just come in from her last serious workout. The hard training over, she reflected on a build-up that had been "as near perfect as possible". For a moment, she lost control.

"I was really elated," Lewis said. "I got back to my room and was jumping up and down thinking: 'Yes. I think I'm ready.' I had a little celebration." One lager, a rare treat. "I am in good shape, my head is right," she said.

Lewis, 24, will be the first of Britain's five individual event gold medal hopes to know her fate, on Monday evening. Steve Backley, Kelly Holmes and Iwan Thomas follow on Tuesday, Jonathan Edwards bronze medal in Atlanta, Lewis has improved her British record and is second, to Sabine Braun, from Germany. in the 1997 rankings.

If there had been an award for recovery of the Olympics, Lewis would have won it. Sixth after the first day, it seemed that every time she tried to dial into her ability. the phone was off the hook. Worse followed as, in the long jump, the first event of the second day, she was way below her best and slipped back to eighth.

"I was in tears and thinking of pulling out," Lewis said. Had Darrell Bunn, her coach, not been able to fight back his tears - "I could have cried easily but, as a coach, you cannot afford to show your emotions." Bunn said - she most probably would have.

Bunn's words then have a ring to them now: "It would be



Lewis, bronze medal-winner at the Atlanta Olympics, hopes for richer pickings in Athens. Photograph: Gary M. Prior/Allsport

very easy to walk away and say: 'She has blown out.' She has to hold her head up for the final two events, go out there and compete. It is important for the future." She did and it

After salvaging a medal from that harrowing experiknowing that she has margin for error. Her first day is the weaker and the pressure, she said, would be on her opponents if she was right up there overnight. If not? "I fancy my chances regardless," she said.

In the absence of Ghada Shouaa, from Syria, the iniured Olympic champion. Natalya Sazanovich, from Belarus, the Olympic runnerup, is perhaps the other main contender. However, Lewis beat her by nearly 300 points

in Gotzis in June. "I still have

heptathlon yet, where every-

had that magical

thing goes right." Lewis said. Then she talks through the two days ahead First event (100 metres hurdles, personal best: 13.18sec): "To get off to a good start is of

paramount importance. It sets you up."

Second event (high jump, 1.84 metres): "A more delicate event, needing controlled aggression, it comes in marked contrast to the hurdles. It is about rhythm of approach and finesse over the bar."

Third event (shot putt, 14.36 metres): "The shot is a difficult one for me. It used to be a weak event for me, but I am slowly getting used to it. I was doing the shot every day for a week recently to work on the details. I want to go in knowing my worst event is going to be well above average,

Fourth event (200 metres, 24.10sec): "A relief after the shot. It is about power and, hopefully, the end of a good

Fifth event (long jump, 6.67 metres): "You start stiff, after the first day, but you have to override that and convince yourself you are strong. It is a good event for me." Sixth event (javelin, 56.50 metres): "A lot of heptathletes

difficulty with the

get injured. I have a problem shoulder — that is no secret and I will probably throw with it strapped. It is a case of bruting it and hoping it is

javelin. Some do not spend the

time on it because it is easy to

silver, or bronze medal. If it means I have to go through a Kelly Holmes impression to win, I will do that."

going to fly." Seventh event (800 metres, 2min 16.70sec): "You have to put your heart and soul on the line, which might make the difference between the sold.

1997 BEST: 15.14 R Matescu (Rom); 14.94 Harsen; 14.76 G Sproge (Let). Other British: 13.76 M Griffith. Heotathlon

1997 BEST: 6,787 S Braun (Ges); 6,738 Lewis: 6,485 K Blair (US).

Boldon boasts of savaging world record

FROM DAVID POWELL

THERE used to be agreement among sprinters that you cannot predict a world record. Only last year Michael Johnson, despite performance pointers in that direction, ut-terly refused to speculate. Now, it seems, you cannot stop some of them.

While Johnson has been even less forthcoming this week, dodging media head-lights here like a scared bunny, the world's leading_100 metres runners have been full of world record rabbit. With the first highlights of the sixth world championships looming tomorrow, in the shape of the two 100 metres finals, we were told yesterday to stand by for a world record in the

Ato Boldon and Maurice Greene, respectively from Trinidad and the United States, lead the world rankings this year with 9.89 seconds and 9.90. They are, prospectively, the Carl Lewis and Leroy Burrell of the late Nineties, two men who train together, under one coach, and who set world records. Except that Lewis and Burrell were gentle on the world record. Boldon and Greene seek to savage it.

"I think Maurice and I are going to give the spectators something to shout about. perhaps even a time around nine point seven." Boldon

Even if he meant 9.79 that would be a reduction of 0.05 seconds in the world record. the biggest improvement for nearly 30 years.

Boldon, who came to prominence when he won the 100 and 200 metres at the 1992 world junior championships. still runs both events. He was third in both at the Atlanta Olympic Games and leads the 1997 rankings in both. When Johnson ran 19.32 seconds for the 200 metres, slicing 0.34 seconds off the world record, it was regarded as Beamonesque. Boldon appears

not to agree.
"I think I can run 19.30 seconds," Boldon said. He and Greene are coached by John Smith who, according to Boldon, believes the 100 world record should be

around 9.74 to complement what Johnson has done in the 200 and Butch Reynolds in the 400 ... the 100 record is soft." Boldon notes Caribbean

sprint tradition: Lennox Miller and Don Quarrie, from Jamaica, and Haseley Crawford, from Trinidad. "I feel like the torch has been passed to me," Boldon said. The question is: What am I going to do with it?**

Donovan Bailey, a Jamai-can-born Canadian, is the defending world champion. Olympic champion and world record holder, with 9.84 seconds. "With all respect to Donovan, we need to be running faster." And Greene? What did he think? "I believe I am in great form and ready. for a world record."

It seems ancient Greek history now that Bailey was voicing an opinion in June that he would improve his world record this season. All the ingredients seem to be there, and let us not forget Frankie Fredericks. He was second to Bailey at the Olympics in 9.89 seconds.

These championships see a return to Seiko timing after Swatch was used at the Olympics. According to Lennart Julin, a Swedish statistical analyst. Bailey's time in Atlanta would have been 9.81 secands if the 1995 world championship blocks had been used. Julin's study revealed that all five men and all four women who reached the finals in both meets reacted slower in Atlanta.

In Gothenburg, rather than the gun's report travelling through the air, the firearm made no sound. Instead an artificial report came out of all the blocks the moment the gun was fired. Julin notes that the speed of sound through air is such that, between the source of sound and the runner. another 0.01sec is added to the reaction time and finishing time. The further away the starter, the longer the delay. In Atlanta, the starter stood on the infield, some 15 metres up the track. Julin noted. Merlene Ottey, of Jamaica, is

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one of the favourites for the women's sprint title despite being 37.



Boldon: carrying torch



Ottey: a favourite

PROGRAMME en's 100m first round 08,15: Men's 100m first round 16,00: Men's 400m hurdles first round 16,40: Wormen's 100m second round 17,00: Men's 20km walk finel (start) 17,10: Men's shot finel 17,20: Men's 100m second round 17,40: Wormen's 400m second round 18,25: Men's 20km walk finel (end) 18,50: Wormen's 10,000m first round

TOMORRIOW: 08.00: Women's heptathlori 100m hurdles 08.10: Men's javelin qualitying group A. 06.20: Men's 100m steeple-chase lirst round 07.00: Heptathlori high pump. 07.25: Men's 400m first round. 07.40: Men's harmer lina! 18.00: Men's 400m second round 16.25: Women's 400m second round 16.25: Women's 100m semi-finals 18.45: Men's 100m semi-finals 17.00: Heptathlori shot. 17.05: Women's 400m semi-finals 19.15: Men's 400m hurdles semi-finals 19.40: Men's 1.500m semi-finals 19.40: Heptathlori 20.00: 20.00: Women's 100m final, 20.15: Men's 100m final 20.00: Momen's 100m final, 20.15: Men's 100m final 20.25: Men's 10.000m first round TOMORROW: 06.00: Women's heptathon

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FORM GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND'S EVENTS IN ATHENS

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TELEVISION: Today: BBC1: Live 5.55-9.30arx; Highlights in Grandstand from 12.15pm. BBC2: Live 7.10-8.15pm. Tomorrow: BBC1: Live 8.30-8.30arx Live 7.10-8.05pm. BBC2: Highlights in Sunday Grandstand from 12pm; Live 8.05-9.45pm.

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HOCKEY

Ivanisevic suffers surprise defeat

GORAN IVANISEVIC, the No 2 seed, and Thomas Muster, seeded No 3, were eliminated in the third round of the Canadian Open tennis tournament, in Montreal. Ivanisevic. of Croatia, lost 7-6, 6-2 to Chris Woodruff, of the United States, while Fabrice Santoro, of France, beat Muster, of Austria, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

At the Toshiba Classic, in Carlsbad, California, Conchita Martinez, of Spain, conceded only one game against Helena Sukoya, of the Czech Republic, to set up a quarter-final clash with Martina Hingis, the No I seed from Switzerland. Monica Seles, of the United States, beat Natasha Zvereva, of Belarus, 6-1, 6-3 to reach the semi-finals.

McDowall denies Duff

beaten in the last 16 of the LCL Pils Scottish singles championship, at Ayr Northfield, yesterday. The Cumbernauld player, bidding for his first win in the event, went down 20-21 to Alistair McDowall from Kirkcolm. David Gourlay, the man Duff succeeded as world charmion, beat Graham Borland to reach the quarter-finals.

Moyà books place

TENNIS: Carlos Moyà and Felix Mantilla, the two Spanish clay-court specialists ranked No 10 and No 11 in the world respectively, have confirmed their entry for the Samsung Open, in Bournemouth, next month. Greg Rusedski, the British No 2, is also a definite starter. He reached the quarter-finals at the event last year.

Fogarty riding high

MOTORCYCLING: Carl Fogarty yesterday set out to harness the support of a fanatical Brands Hatch crowd to help him to defend a four-point lead in the world superbike championship. Fogarty, 31, from Blackburn, finished second in the first official practice for the race tomorrow, behind Pierfrancesco Chili, on a Ducati.

EQUESTRIANISM: COSMOPOLITAN REVELS IN THE LACK OF PRESSURE

Fox-Pitt makes profitable move

WILLIAM FOX-PITT, who decided to enter Cosmopolitan, his Olympic horse, in the advanced section at the Doubleprint British Horse Trials Championships at Gatcombe Park, rather than subject him to the pressure of the more-demanding British Open, is in the lead at the end of the dressage phase of Ad-

vanced One yesterday.
Fox-Pitt. 28, who is also leading the Intermediate Championships on Lucy Challis's Mr Beluga, rode an accurate, stylish test on the ten-year-old gelding to finish two points ahead of David O'Connor, of the United States, on his Badminton winner, Custom Made. Both horses are capable of winning the British Open, but are being saved for the Open European Championships, at Burghley, in September.

Having won the British Open on Chaka two years ago, Fox-Pitt is well aware of the pressure to which horses are subjected as they gallop against the clock. Since finishing third at Badminton in May, Cosmopolitan - owned jointly by Mrs Frank Andrews and Hackett - has been carefully prepared for Burghley. I knew that if I entered him for the Open and was in with a shout on Sunday I might be tempted to go for it," Fox-Pitt said. He may even withdraw him from the advanced section - a decision



Young supporters take in the dressage action

after walking the course. O'Connor, who has three horses shortlisted for the United States team, was also unwilling to risk Custom

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that he will take this morning can get very aggressive in a competition so I decided to take him quietly," O'Connor said of the Irish-bred gelding, whose numerous successes include the 1995 Lexington Made in the bigger class. "He Three-Day-Event. An accomnor, 35, who won a team silver medal at the Atlanta Olympic Games on Giltedge, produced an enviably fluent, obedient

test yesterday.

Daisy Dick, the daughter of Dave Dick, the winning jockey in the 1956 Grand National, finished third on Headley Bravo — but promptly an-nounced her withdrawal from the cross country. Headley Bravo, 14, is longlisted for the British team after finishing seventh at Badminton and Dick intends to save him for the Scottish Championships, at Thirlestane, in two weeks where the final trial for the European Championships is

taking place.
Today is the dressage phase of the British Open in which Mary King, with three onform horses - King William, Star Appeal and King Solomon - starts as favourite. O'Connor also has a leading contender in Lightfoot, the horse on which he was fifth in Kentucky in April and which he describes as 'magic' across

country. He will need to be if he is to succeed over Mark Phillips's demanding cross-country course. After an unusually lenient track last year, Captain Phillips has "raised it a notch"

RESULTS: Advanced Section: 1, Cosmo-politan II (W Fox-Pit. GS) 29; 2. Custom Made (D O'Connor, US) 31; 3, Heading Brave (D Dick GB) 33 British Intermediate championship: 1, W Beluga (W Fox-Pit) 32; 2, Eudordus (E Watson) 34; 3 equel, Wet Tyler (P Lyon) and Roundwood (C Bathe) 35

England squander winning chances

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN HARARE

ENGLAND paid the price for failing to make the most of their chances when they were held to a I-I draw by Canada in their opening match of the World Cup qualifying tourna-ment in the Magamba stadium here vesterday. From the first minute, when

Mandy Nicholls fired a shot against the upright, fintil the last, England dominated but were unable to make the pressure pay.
After a bright start, England went ahead in the fifteenth

minute when Mandy Davies found Jane Sixsmith wide on

the right. Sixsmith beat two defenders and slipped the ball to Jane Smith, who scored past Sarah Forbes. After England spurned several more opportunities, Can-ada equalised a minute after the break when Nicole Colaco hit a shot from the edge of the circle that rebounded off the

crossbar and over the line. Sixsmith could have put England ahead a minute later when she broke through, but Forbes was quickly off her line to eliminate the danger. Sixsmith was involved again when she set up Purdy Miller,

who failed to capitalise. As England surged forward in the closing stages, they earned six penalty corners in a five-minute spell, but the Canadian defence held firm.

A 67th-minute penalty corner strike by the defender. Sandeep Kaur, helped India open their campaign on a winning note with a 1-0 victory

over Ireland. But if the Irish had found the net from a flurry of firsthalf penalty corners, along with a couple of excellent scoring chances, they could have wrapped up the match

before the interval.

England meet India today. ireland face South Africa and Scotland play Zimbabwe in their opening match in the tournament.

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GOLF: ENGLISHMAN JOINS PACK OF STRUGGLERS HUNTING FOR TITLE SCRAPS

Baker's revival driven by fear

THERE was a gathering of kindred spirits in the thick of things at the Volvo Scandinavian Masters yesterday and the talk among them was not the Ryder Cup, but avoiding the wooden spoon. This is turning into a strange tournament, and one of the odder features of it is that it has been taken over by men whose records this season need to rove to be awful.

At the end of a long, warm day at Barseback near here, eight players shared the leadon 136, eight under par. Two of them have won tournaments this season and one of them is pushing for a place in the Europe Ryder Cup team. A further one is in a com-

DETAILS

fortable if not particularly distinguished position on the PGA European Tour order of merit, but the other five uneasily occupy places deep in the bilges of the good ship Money List. Before this week most of them could not have contemplated winning a raffle, let alone a golf tournament, if only for the fact that they could hardly have afforded to buy a

With such luminaries as Colin Montgomerie and José Maria Olazabal struggling to beat par for the tournament, and Ian Woosnam, a shot worse, missing the cut, the biggest name on the leaderboard was Miles Tunnicliff, but only because his moniker



Baker plays out of a bunker at the 9th on the way to a 66 and a share of the lead after the second round yesterday

ael Jonzon (tournament winner) and Ignacio Garrido (tournament winner, Ryder Cup hopeful) up there, while Joakim Haeggman (67th in the order of merit) at least knows how to be in contention. Alongside them were José Rivero (169th), Tunnicliff (135th), Peter Baker (134th), Gary Evans (123rd) and Domingo Hospital (112th). Hardly CVs to stir the blood and their owners were willing to

"My main thought is keep-Of the leading octet, it was ing my card," Baker said after no great surprise to see Michhis 66. "It's been another

admit it.

disastrous year." Evans moaned after a second 68. Some of them have been up there before, but it was so long ago that they have probably forgotten what it is like.

The man with most to gain is undoubtedly Garrido. He is sixteenth in the Ryder Cup qualifying list and, if he were to win on Sunday, he would have a place and no argument. Padraig Harrington, eleventh in the table and a shot behind, can achieve the same ambition with victory. Jesper Parnevik can deepen the red on the faces

quarters at Wentworth, who continue to regard him as a non-person in Ryder Cup terms. For the others, though, the weekend is a means of salvation, not glory.

Meanwhile, Montgomerie was long of face after his 71 had left him on one under par. the most that could be said for which was that it kept him in competitive action for the last two days. Montgomerie, who made only four birdies in 36 holes, is still fighting a punishing hook after complaining early in the week that he had found himself simply hitting the ball too hard. "It's gone beyond that now," he said before trooping off to put himself through the masochistic experience of an afternoon's work on the driving range.

Olazábal, too, was in punishing mood after rendering a spectator unconscious in the course of a double-bogey seven at the 12th. After hitting his drive into trees, he was left with a 78-yard pitch that struck the unsuspecting man full on the temple. "It was not nice to hit him," Olazábal said. The victim, it is understood,

the J&B Scottish Amateur

Championship, at Carnoustie.

today as a warm favourite to

become the first man to win

The 24-year-old from the

Solway Firth won the Scottish

boys' title in 1991 and the

youth championship in 1993. Now, only the Bellshill play-

er. 21-year-old Sam Cairns.

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Hislop used his strength

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Tom McLevy, of Blairgowrie,

2 and I and Sandy Twynholm 3 and 1 to reach

all three national titles.

FOOTBALL

Problem of Scotland's reliance on foreign aid

By KEVIN McCarra

Gottskalksson will play

against Celtic tomorrow

because Jim Duffy, the man-

ager at Easter Road, could

find no available Scot to

replace Jim Leighton once the

goalkeeper had decided to

move to Aberdeen. The aspi-

rations of Rangers, who begin

their domestic programme against Heart of Midlothian

on Monday, are far greater

than those of Hibernian, but

the same principle was at

work when £14 million was

used solely for the purchase of

foreign players this summer.

it is traditional to ask who can

stop Rangers from taking the

title again, yet, in many parts

of the land, this whole line of

inquiry must seem obtuse. Apart from the occasional blissful interlude, as when

Aberdeen became the team of

the 1980s. Scottish football is

other of the Old Firm.

At the beginning of August,

HOW long will Lorenzo Amoruso, the Rangers centre back, take to recover from his operation? If Henrik Larsson is as good as Celtic believe. why is he not a regular member of the Sweden team? What, at 32 can Jean-Marc Adjovi-Boco bring to the Hibernian side? Will Jerome Vareille give Kilmarnock new possibilities in attack?

Foreign players seem prowl through most of the questions asked when supporters, with a new season beginning today, are at their most inquisitive and hopeful. Scottish football has always tended to be hospitable to the continental talents who fetch up in these parts.

The Poles who were sta tioned in Scotland during the Second World War, and continued to play there afterwards, were thought dashing. In the 1960s, a batch of Scandinavians proved invigorating. To a voungster in the 1970s. Zoltan Varga, a Hunearian who concentrated on his own stretching exercises and never troubled to kick the ball during Aberdeen's prematch warm-up, epitomised aloof sophistication.

The game was enhanced by such men but now, circumstances have changed. Instead of arriving purely to confer glamour, the overseas signings also come to fill the humdrum positions that would once have been occupied by locals. There is no cause to revile them, they are entitled to be in Scotland and possess a moral right to seek the best life that their gifts can earn them,

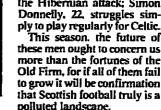
Only a curmudgeon, for example, will resent the presence of Olafur Gottskalksson. A 29-year-old !celander who previously had to subsidise his football with menial jobs now has the chance to be a full-time player, for Hibernian. The sight of such men in the Bell's Scottish League is not objectionable, but the

They are too often disappointed. The prising from Ibrox of the league championship trophy might testify to the survival of a competitive instinct, but good health must be manifested in other respects as well. Although Scottish football has survived long periods of ascendancy by Celtic or Rangers, men of oustanding merit also used to be found at other clubs.

Their numbers have dwindled. For the Old Firm, the need for youth development is not pressing, since wealth can be used to import appropriate players. Elsewhere, however. the ability to rear formidable footballers is precious. At Aberdeen or Dundee United, money might be employed to plug gaps, but the standards of the 1980s can only return when the knack for grooming raw talent is recovered.

always dominated by one or In the wake of the Bosman ruling, clubs have grown Were Wim Jansen, the new sceptical over the wisdom of coaching youngsters. Why Celtic coach, somehow to find a way of guiding his team raise players simply to lose them, without compensation, ahead of Rangers, his achievement would be a matwhen their contracts run out? ter of indifference at, say. Pittodrie, Tannadice, Easter That, however, is too bleak a view so long as large transfer fees continue to be paid for Road and Tynecastle, Supporters there might dream of the best performers. The the day that their club bebusiness has more pitfalls comes champions, but they now, but the economics might also sacrifice their weekends yet make sense. in the simple hope of watching agreeable football. It should remain possible to

emulate a club such as Auxerre that can nurture youngsters and perform honourably in the Champions League. In Scotland, though, promise is always in jeopar Stephen Glass, Aberdeen, suffered a slump in form last season: Kevin Harper, 21, is yet to prove that he can pose an adult threat in the Hibernian attack; Simon Donnelly, 22, struggles simply to play regularly for Celtic. This season, the future of these men ought to concern us more than the fortunes of the Old Firm, for if all of them fail



Arsenal cast their Net

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

more than merely the white toes into the 36-hole final of I thing that hangs behind the goalposts; yesterday, Arsenal became the latest in a growing line of clubs to launch an official website on the Internet.

> Through their computers, visitors to the AFC Internet site will be able to receive updated club information, send e-mail messages to play-ers, take a virtual tour of Highbury and order from an on-line Arsenal club shop; an exhaustive database of players and matches will settle any pub argument. "We hope we've encompassed every-thing for the Arsenal fan,"

Jeremy Kerner, one of the designers, said. The importance attached by Arsenal to this aspect of football club marketing can be judged by the attendance at the launch of Arsene Wenger, the team manager. Did he use the Internet? "No," he confessed. "It's very important

that we have a link with the

FOR football folk, the Net is supporters. But I have one make one; the language is fast coming to mean much concern; how far can you go pretty simple." without destroying a little of

Arsenal will also be the first FA Carling Premiership club to act as Internet providers, at a cost to subscribers of £13 per month, but David Dein, the club's managing director, does not see the on-line venture as a source of profit. "It is not designed to make money," he said. "It is purely an information service for the fans. It cost the club over £100,000 of

investment."

There is already a large amount of Gunners-related material on the internet, both in the Arsenal sections of the official Sky Sports and Carling websites, and in a number of other unofficial locations, with such intriguing names as "Cybury Gooners"

and "Wengerland". "Most clubs have sites, but many are unofficial, or linked to fanzines," Charlie Hirst, who writes a football website column for Total Football magazine, said. "Anyone can More than half of the 20

in the Nationwide League, have official websites. Those about to hit the net include Liverpool, whose official site should be online "within three months". The most popular is

Manchester United's, regularly accessed from 120 countries. The chat forum alone had 109,000 visits last week." Simon Howson-Green, head of Sky Internet, its creators, said. *The best ever was over 200,000 visits in one week, when Eric Cantona left. It is a developing area with huge potential. I think you'll see more information appearing on the website before anywhere else."

And the World Wide Web may offer an advantage for the computer-literate manager in these post-Bosman days: one site lists all out-of-contract players throughout Europe. Arsène Wenger, please note. AFC internet: http://www.arsenal.co.uk

Hackney leads the pursuit Rowe establishes his

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN, OAKVILLE, ONTARIO

championship, but the apathy of the Canadians off the course was not matched by the players' performance on it as the she hit a four-iron to 20 feet. econd round at Glen Abbey esterday developed into a fascinating confest. The Americans were in front but there were a host of Europeans, including a British contingent of Lisa Hackney, Kathryn Marshall, Laura Davies, the defending champion, and Hel-

en Dobson, on their trail. Kelly Robbins, who has won twice this season and is: third on the United States money-list, was eight under par after 15 holes and leading by two shots from her fellow Americans, Rosie Jones, Juli Inkster and Colleen Walker. Marshall, who had played

two holes, was in a sizeable group on five under. Hackney, who dropped a shot at her last hole, was on 142, four under par, after a 69. Davies was on 43 after a 70 that was spoilt by bogey at her last hole.

143. Her 69 included four birdies and an eagle three, at the 18th, her minth hole, where

Hackney, the major championship specialist (she was fifth at the Nabisco Dinah Shore and the US Women's Openi, played the tricky out-ward nine first and made it look easy, going our in 33, four under par. She moved to five under par with a chip to three. feet for a birdie four at the lst.

Jones, partnering Davies, was putting so well that even the Englishwoman started to find some touch on the greens. On a breezy day that began fine and sunny but became cloudy, they started at the 10th and Davies's cause looked bleak when she dropped shots at the 12th and 13th, to be two over par six shots behind Jones and well adrift of the

Abbey's version of the valley of death, or at least its crucible of

THE du Maurier Classic is a Dobson, recevered from a uncertainty. Davies was still low-key event for a major broken finger, was also on two over when she climbed out of the valley, after an immaculate par three at the 15th, and it was as though she had been released from a dungeon. She played the next four holes in five under par, dropped a shot at the 2nd, but came back with

birdies at the 4th and 5th. At the 16th, 466 yards, Davies hit a eight-iron to 12 inches for the eagle three that started her roll. She eased home an unhill 15-footer for a birdie three at the 17th, hit a wedge to 12 feet after a huge drive at the 494-yard 18th and two-putted for another birdie. At the 1st, another par five, she get up and down from a

got up and down from a bunker for another four. EARLY SECOND-ROUND SCORES (US urless stated): 140: R Jones 69, 71, 141: P Hartmat 69, 72, 142: L Hackney (GB), 73, 89; H Stacy 69, 73, 143: H Dotson (GB), 74, 80; M Dom 69, 74; M McGeorge 72, 71; W Ward 72, 71: L Devices (GB), 73, 70. V Fergon 68, 75, 144: D Raid (GB), 73, 11; N Bowen 73, 71, 145: H Alfredsson (Swe), 75, 70; K Peterson-Parter 71, 74; J Gallagher-Smith 76, 69, 148: M Nause 72, 74, 147: J Gallagher-Smith 76, 69, 148: M Nause 72, 74, 147: J Gallagher-Smith 77, 70; L Walters (Carl 78, 71; H9: Stramon, 77, 70; L Walters (Carl 78, 71; H9: Stramon, 77, 70; L Walters (Carl 77, 78, 149: S Turner 75, 74; J Moray (GB), 77, 72, 150: C Hj Koch (Swe), 75, 75, 151: C Nilsmark (Swe), 77, 74, 153: A-M Pail (F1, 76, 77).

matchplay credentials

By Our Sports Staff

PHILIP ROWE made the long journey from Cornwall to Hoylake this week determined to put the record straight. It has been suggested that after he won only one of his six matches for England in the European Boys Team Championships, in Slovenia. last month that he did not have the nerve for matchplay.

Those taking that line obviously did not know much about the 18-year-old, who will meet Aran Wainwright, from Pontefract, in the 36-hole final of the English Amateur Championship, at

Royal Liverpool today.

During his 2 and 1 semifinal victory yesterday,
against Kenneth Ferrie, the British Boys champion, he was only behind once, when he failed to get up-and-down from a bunker at the par-four 2nd Wainwright overcame Matthew Blackley 3 and 2 in the other semi-final.

Craig Hislop. of Powfoot.

the last stage for the first time.

notable hat-trick.

Mark Pilkington, 19, from Pwliheli, and Jamie Donaldson, 21, the Macclesfieldbased international will contest the 36-hole final of the Welsh Amateur Championship, at Pyle and Kenfig, Porthcawl, today. They both recorded 3 and 2 victories yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 4 Tororito 2; Kerses City 3 Boston 2 (10inns); Milwaukee' 2 Seettle 1, Anahusm 12 Chucago White Sox 14: Cedama 0 Bestimore 4 (11 inns); NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 1 Atlanta 8; Montreal 9 Sen Diego 2; Philadelphira 2 9; Louis 1 (10inns); Philadurgh 4 Colorado 1: Chicago Cubs 1 Los Angeles 4.

MELBOURNE: World under-23 champtonships: United States bi Yugoslavia 95-75: Puerto Rico bi China: 125-48; Liftuania bi New Zasiand 66-45: Agentina bi South Korea 96-78. Spam bi Egypt 104-60; Turkey bi Australia 75-58:

BASKETBALL

NORTHFIELD, Ayr. LCL. Pile Scottish regional championship: Singles. Evaluational the Devian (Deliketin) bit 8 Amout Salingate) 21-11; R Henderson (Planefield) bit S Scottend (Alba Co-op) 21-12; A McDowolf (Kirkcolm) bit Turison (Lockerbie). 21-5; H Duff (Cumbernauld) bt J McIntosh (Mearre) 21-6.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP. Third day of four Usic: Surrey 430-6dec and 251-6 dec µ N 8.0ty 105, N Shaird 50]; Glamorgan 310-7 dec and 302 [M J Powell 69, I J Thomas 69]. Surrey win by 79 runs. Final day of four. Hemabottom: Durisem 204 (D G C Ligertwood 73, O J Hughes 59; P M Redgews 6-44) and 157-5 (S J Birthwite 54); Lancashire 150 (S Lugsden 5-41); Maich drawn. Final day of three 5-61e-stone: Warwickshire 341-7 dec 6M D Edmand 142 nat out, A Frost 52) and 79-0 dec (W G Khan 62 not out); Keni 85-3 dec (M G Khan 62 not out); Keni 85-3 dec and 148 (M A Sheleh 5-39, M A V Rel 5-40). Warwickshire win by 189 runs. Harmow CC. Hampohre 321-8 dec (G W White 126; T F Biomfield 4-51) and second innings forfielt. Middlesser 19-1 dec and 109 (C Petel 4-26). Losses 59-1 dec and 204 Leicestershire win by 198 runs. Mastike-by-the-568; Somerset 318 and 223; Yorkshire 264 and 2552 (R A Kettleborouch 94 not out, M J Wood 88, G M Hamiton 51 not out). Trakshire win by eget wickets.

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GOLF

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278; P. Wesselingh (Hawkstone Parid 70,
69, 72, 67, 279; M. Stanford (Tracy Parid) 71,
70, 69, 69; S. Dodd (Barry) 71, 67, 70, 71,
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HOCKEY HARARE: Women's World Cup qualifying tournament: Pool A: India 1 Indiand D Pool B: England 1 Canada 1 MODERN PENTATHLON

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103.39; 3, D Mew (GB) 102.48 100m
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Potekov (Russ) 55 06, 3, R Greenwood
(GB) 55 11 200m medley: 1, T Kezzerano
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2-05 87; 3, M Sarabahya (Sp) 2-06 00
Women: 100m freestyle: 1, C Potec (Rom)
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(GB) 57 37, 200m backstroke: 1, Y
Fornenko (Fluss) 2-15.62; 2, J Bauer (Gerl
2-17 40, 3, P Potchianello (ii) 2-14 47 400m
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7-6.
MONTREAL: Men's fournament: Trind round: R Krajorá (Holl) tri J Gernelschi (US) 6-2, 6-4; G Kuenten (B) tri M Teibutti (Aus) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; T Engresi (Swe) for J Biorisman (Swe) 6-3, 6-2 M Chang (US) tri A O'Brien (US) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 C Woodruft (US) bi G Maniserve (Cro) 7-6, 6-2, F Serbans (Fi) for Muster (Lourna) 6-2, 6-4 C Woodruft (US) bi G Maniserve (Cro) 7-6, 6-2, F Serbans (Fi) for Muster (Lournament (Se) 6-3, 6-2, F Serbans (Fi) 7-5, 6-3.
CAPLISBAD. Californie: Women's tournament: Second round: C Manisez (Sp) for H Suknas (Cr) 6-1, 6-0 Caustre-Braist: A Coetor (SA) bi Y Basuka (Indo) 6-3, 6-4, M Solos (US) bi N Zvereva (Bela) 6-1, 6-3.





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Athletes aim to restore golden glow

THE athletes of Great Britain, who found themselves cast as the unfortunate scapegoats for the collective failure of the nation at the Atlanta Olympics last year, will seek to disperse the clouds that have gathered over the great summer of British sport when they compete in the nine-day world championships, which begin here

championships that are truly global and none can match athletics. There are 200 countries represented here, three more than in Atlanta. To most, Britain stands like a giant, one of the top six nations. After a season in which British athletes have already performed superbly — the men win-ning the European Cup for the first time in eight years - there is little

sign of creaking limbs. Britain has fewer late casualties than most. A virus cost Roger Black his place but, that apart, the only concerns have been the injuries carried by Jonathan Edwards and Ashia Hansen, the two elite triple jumpers. The ailments will not stop

ners at the world championships of 1993, has not been good, but that is something that we have grown used to over the past three years. In that time, Denise Lewis has emerged as potential successor to Gunnell as Britain's golden girl. and Iwan Thomas is the new tank engine of European 400 metres running.

Thomas is one of five individual gold medal hopes from Britain. though the one carrying the longest odds. Lewis, in the heptathlon, and Edwards are perhaps Britain's strongest contenders, closely followed by Steve Backley, in the javelin, and Kelly Holmes, in the 1,500 metres. Thomas's chances depend as much on Michael John-son failing to regain his form as on his own performance.

Edwards, Britain's only winner at the last world championships, in Gothenburg two years ago, re-mains confident despite a heel injury that has kept him out of competition for five weeks. Hansen, the world indoor silver medalwinner, has missed training with a Arnold, the Great Britain perfor-

David Powell surveys British chances at the world athletics championships in Athens and finds good reason to be cautiously optimistic

mance director, said yesterday that, although she was "not quite 100 per cent" she was "bright and

Holmes is unbeaten this year and, furthermore. Steve Cram believes that he has seen in Holmes this season the same change that he saw in himself in 1985, when he gained the conviction that he could win races run in almost any way. "I am in the best shape of my life." Holmes said.

So is Steve Backley, Britain's most successful championship performer over the past three years, yet so unappreciated that he has been calling himself "the invisible man". Invisible and miserable, briefly, after Britain's athletes, despite finishing well up the Olym-pic medals table with four silver and two bronze, were dismissed as failures by sections of the media. He remembers arriving back at Heathrow to be greeted by a wall of

reporters and photographers. "The first question was: 'Did it come as a disappointment to be part of such a discredited team?" Backley said. "That was so disappointing, it really hit hard." But, as Arnold, said: "The athletes came in at the end of a wave of British failure and were tarred with the same brush. I

do not think we should have been."

Wimbledon and the Open golf

championship have come and gone without a British victory. England's cricketers are in the doghouse and the rugby league players have been repeatedly overwhelmed in the world club championship. Whether Britain's athletes are to return home as part of the recent

trend, or whether they will be feted, like the British Lions were for their success in South Africa, next Tuesday will tell: Backley, Holmes and Thomas all have their finals that day. Either way, you will not find Arnold chain-smoking his way through the day like David commonly-heard. Vangelis, the Graveney, chairman of the England cricket selectors.

"The men winning the European Cup, and the women finishing third, set up for the mood for the ason," Arnold said. "If the men had finished fourth, and the women had been relegated it would have been dire and desper-ate. Ours is still the best perform-

ing sport in the country."

Others are impressed. Australia has approached Arnold to prepare its athletes for the 2000 Sydney Olympics, but he said that it was nlikely he would accept.

While Britain has a cluster of secondary medal prospects, notably the 4 x 400 metres relay team, Mark Richardson and Jamie Baulch, in the 400 metres, and Richard Nerurkar, in the marathon, they can be categorised as more of a Tottenham Hotspur than a Manchester United: a team that is capable of challenging on several fronts while not being expected

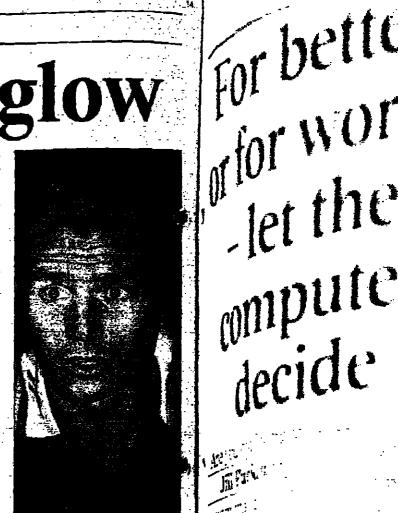
The United States will, as always, dominate, but its national

track for Chariots of Fire. has provided an anthem for the International Amateur Athletic Federa-tion, which will be played at each medal ceremony.

For the first time at outdoor world championships, there is prize-money — \$60,000 [about £36,500] for first place, \$30,000 for second, \$20,000 for third and \$100,000 for a world record. How ironic it would be if Sergey Bubka, the Ukraine pole vaulter who has made more money out of world records than anybody, should lose now. He is the only athlete with a clean sweep of titles, having won all five pole vault golds since the championships were inaugurated in 1983.

Women will receive equal pay. How times have changed. Women were banned from the first modern Olympics, in Athens, in 1896. In Ancient Olympic times they were not even allowed to enter the arena. The death penalty awaited any woman who tried.

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Black victim of virus

Champions take on pretenders in Wembley curtain-raiser

Gullit in no mood for charity

BY OLIVER HOLT

A POSSE of camera crews and an excited gaggle of young children gathered in the untidy countryside on the edge of west London yesterday to watch Chelsea give another summer the last rites. August may yet be in its infancy, but when Gianfranco Zola, who had stayed out long after his colleagues to practise his free kicks, trotted back into the clubhouse and left the strip of pitches empty and still, the preliminaries of the new foot-

call season came to an end. Tomorrow, Zola, Di Matteo. Hughes, Wise and the rest will face Manchester United in the Charity Shield at Wembley, the traditional signal that the time for friendlies is over and to flood back in a roaring rushing torrent of matches. At Chelsea, in particular, the sense of anticipation is

overwhelming. Everyone knows United will be strong again, so strong that their manager, Alex Ferguson. suggested yesterday that he would rest David Beckham. one of the most talented of his array of young players, for the because he was worried his stamina had been sapped by playing for England in the

Tournoi de France. But this year, for the first time in many a season, there are also those who feel that Chelsea, now in the second year of Ruud Gullit's polyglot evolution, may be genuine contenders for the champions' crown. Gullit appears to have bought wisely during the summer and positions that once were weaknesses may now become strengths.

Where Chelsea previously had an embarrassment of goalkeepers who were not quite good enough, there is Ed de Goey. At left wing-back, instead of Scott Minto, there is the flambovant Nigerian. Celestine Babayaro, and in midfield, instead of Craig Burley, there is the elegant

Uruguayan, Gustavo Poyet.

I do not buy players so they can provide entertainment," Gullit said. "If that was my goal, then I would go to work in a circus. I needed players for certain positions and I needed them to learn

how to play in this team.



Dummy run: Zola, the Chelsea forward, practises free kicks in training yesterday, using a cardboard cut-out wall. Photograph: Robin Mayes

expected anything of us. Now teams will look differently at us. In the pre-season even, we have wanted to play friendly matches against other teams but they have not wanted to be so friendly with us.

"Everywhere i have been, my second year has been the most difficult part. You can get sloppy and complacent and lose motivation and that is not right. You have to respect the opposition and respect yourself. This season, I will do what I always do and take one week at a time. I do not want to look beyond that and talk about championships and things. I have the squad that I want now and all I am "In some ways, it was easy for us last year because it was better than last year."

Gullit said time and again how much he admired the consistent excellence Ferguson had achieved at Old Trafford and that even the loss of Eric Cantona, who retired at the

TEAMS MANCHESTER UNITED (probable: 4-4-2): P Schmerchel — D Irwin, G Neville, R Johnsen, P Neville — P Scholas, N Butt, R Kearre, R Gogs — J Cruyff, E Shefrington

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end of last season, was unlikely to affect their dominance. The other players will want to show that they are as good as him." Gullit said. At The Cliff, United's Salford training ground, the message was much the same. Gary Neville, who is strug-gling to be fit for the match against the FA Cup winners tomorrow, said the absence of the Frenchman had received scant mention at the club as they prepared to try to defend

the title they won at a canter last season. "To be honest with you, this is a cynical club," Neville said. Eric does not get a mention. We just get on with it. He has gone and our attitude is simply 'there's another player gone'. It makes you think what would be like if you left yourself. Nobody would give

"Eric was massive but Manchester United and the club go on without him. It is more than a one-man team. It

is a club that seems to lose a big player every season or at least it has for the last five or six years, players you might think you can't do without. The club has gone on and got even better without those players and that is what we have to do this year without Eric

To add substance to his hopes, Neville pointed out that United's midfield against Chelsea was likely to be Paul Scholes, Roy Keane, Nicky Butt and Ryan Giggs. To complement them, Teddy Sheringham, one half of England's fearsome strike-force, will be in attack. The Frenchman who was king has gone but the cast that once supported him is ready to step up.

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Weary North proves unable to rise and shine

two hoots.

IT WAS to have been a fairy-tale comeback to first-class cricket. Philip North, a left-arm spin bowler who captains Wales in the Minor Counties competition, had been recalled to the Giamorgan side after an absence of eight years for their crucial Britannic Assurance county championship match against Nottingham-

Only it never happened. By the time that North's sponsored sky blue Toyota screeched into the last available space in the car park at the Colwyn Bay Cricket Club yesterday morning, Glamorgan had named a call for 8am.

their team and he was not in it. Philip arrived at the ground over an hour late," Mike Fatkin, the Glamorgan secretary, explained, "and we felt that it was not appropriate to play him for disciplinary reasons." North, 32, jibbed at the "disciplin-

ary" bit. "That conjures up images of fighting and brawling, but it was nothing like that," he said. "I missed my wake-up call. That is the start and finish of it."

North was sharing a room with Hugh Morris, the former Glamorgan captain and England opening batsman, in the team hotel at Llandudno, where they had booked

Apparently, Morris left for break-fast before the call came and then headed straight off to the ground. leaving his room-mate to sleep on until 10am. "I just cannot under-stand why I didn't get the call." North said. "It had not been an overly late night, that's the worst part

Late night or not, it was a late morning - about 10.50, to be precise - by the time he had driven the six miles to the ground at Rhos-on-Sea and he accepted that Glamorgan had no alternative but to leave him out. "The rules are the rules and the club were right to do what they did." he said. "You have to be at the

ground by 9.30; if you're a little bit late you get fined and if you are very late. like I was, you get dropped. feel very badly about it and have apologised to the club. I have let them down and I have let myself down. I picked a hell of a day to have a lie-in.

North was released by Glamorgan in 1989 after five years on the staff but had been recalled because Dean Cosker, their young left arm spinner. was required to play for the England Under-19 team.

Matthew Maynard | the Glamorgan captain] and I have been talking about such a contingency since last winter so obviously I am very disappointed," North said. "It was never 100 per cent certain that I was going to be in the side and it was only ever going to be a one-off thing, but it would have been nice to play." instead, Gary Butcher, an all-rounder, took his place while North spent the rest of the day acting as twelfth man before travelling back to Swansea, where he has been the professional for the past four years. He will play today in their South Wales Cricket Association match,

against Briton Ferry Steel, at St

Helen's, and said: "At least I will get

to play on a county ground."

Cotton to play role he coveted

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

FRAN COTTON'S substanloomed over British rugby during the recent British Isles tour of South Africa, now takes shape within the confines of the English game. The Lions manager was named yesterday as joint vice-chair-man of the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) management board with responsibility for the strategic development of the representative game.

Cotton, perhaps the single most influential supporter of Cliff Brittle in the elections for board chairman last month, will now appear even more as the power behind Brittle's throne. His title will be that of management board vicechairman (playing) and he is joined by another power broker during the recent political in-fighting that has plagued the RFU. Sir Michael Stear. board vice-chairman (administration) and will work with the new support services per-

sonnel at Twickenham. This is precisely the role that Cotton has sought in his crusade to restore the integrity of the union, which extends. not only to the game within England, but also to relationships with other national unions within the northern hemisphere. Throughout the Lions tour, when the best players from England, Scot. land, Ireland and Wales demonstrated their capacity to take on the world champions and win, Cotton emphasised the need for the home unions to stand together as an effective lobby within world rugby.

The appointment covers all aspects of the national team. Cotton said. My primary involvement will be strategic planning and it will require good, professional, full-time people to implement and de-liver the agreed policies." Conton will work closely with Bill Beaumont, his former playing colleague and now chairman of the national playing committee, which meets on August 28 to determine the manage ment of the national tenti-

"I'll sit down with ke personnel to discuss the play ing style we think is suitable for England to be successful at international level, both in the northern and southern hemispheres," Cotton said.

Bath have named Andy Nicol, the Scotland and Boxish Lions scrum half, as the

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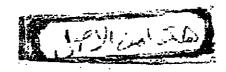
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For better or for worse - let the computer decide

Are you really right for each other?

Jill Parkin reports on a new

exam that could stop you making

the biggest mistake of your life

you known that he v spent Saturdays with ferrets? Or if you had had an inkling of her passion for garlic? Or if you had ever suspected the effect that fluffy slippers would have had on your love life?

Perhaps, before you had fallen on one knee, wiped a clammy palm and bid for her hand, you should have asked what is about to become the question for every modern courting couple: "Will you ... will you ... will you fill in a pre-marital questionnaire with me?"

It may not have quite the same ring as a direct proposal.

It may not end up with a wedding ring at all. It might. however, keep you out of the divorce courts a few years down the conjugal line.

Thousands of Americans are taking the marriage exam, an insist that this is the only way inventory of more than 100 they will fulfil their duty to questions, to find out whether they should be getting married at all. Eleven states, including Washington, Colorado, Minnesota and Georgia, are considering whether to make the exam compulsory. Louisiana already has legislation on its books. And where America leads, Britain will surely follow. The

concept is over here.

A handful of English clergymen and a few professional counsellors are preparing couples for marriage not with a pep-talk about commitment and tolerance but with a list of 125 multiple-choice questions and a computer analysis.

From inner-city Hackney to rural Norfolk, couples are turning up at the vicarage to be quizzed about his and her sexual expectations, favourite television programmes and future in-laws.

When the computer has done its crunching, the couples return to discuss the results and their proposed marriage in three or four follow-up sessions. No one actually says to you go it or don't even think about it. but research in America shows that Prepare. one of the main systems,

Jould you have predicts divorce with 85 per married him had cent accuracy. cent accuracy.

The exam is a psychometric test, designed to draw out your unconscious attitudes. "We have the highest divorce rate in Europe," says the Rev Peter Brown, a Norfoll: vicar who uses Prepare and brought it to Britain recently after working in America. "More than one in three marriages end in divorce. And there's nothing romantic about that."

More than one million people have sat the Prepare exam in the United States. Ten per cent of them decided not to marry after the results came through. Their results were just like those of the couples who went ahead, married and subsequently divorced. Worldwide, Prepare has

35,000 practitioners, mainly in America. In Britain we have about 60, mainly clergy, including four or five vicars who prepare couples for marriage. In other words, they make the marriage exam compulsory on their patch.

judge in Lenawee County, an hour's drive from Detroit, has effectively made marrying without inventory impossible in the county, where 68 per cent of marriages end in divorce. Judge James Sheridan is very keen on Prepare and has the agreement of the 60 churchmen and the 12 other marriage officials in the county.

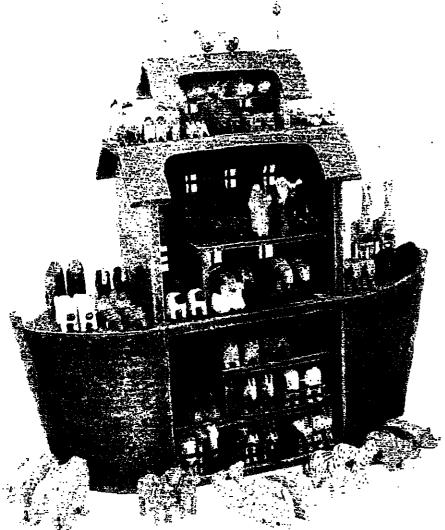
Couples fill in their Prepare forms separately. The questions cover 11 problem areas, including money, sex. children, family of origin, religion, spare time and friends. The answers range through five degrees, from "agree strongly" to "dis-

agree strongly". The whole thing sounds a bit freaky and American. There's quite a lot of God (He gets as many questions as sex and all the other areas) for British tastes, and the vocabulary needs anglicising. But you don't succeed or fail in the

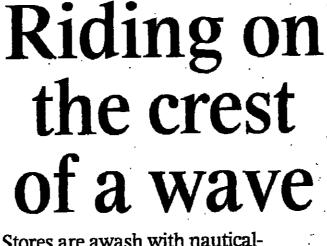
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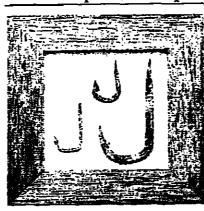




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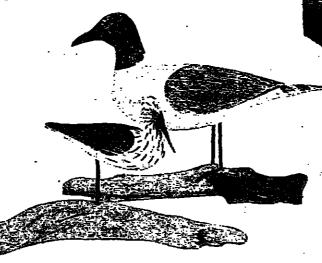
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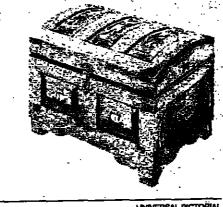
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ABOVE: Sterling silver model yacht, made to commission, \$20,000, Garrard, 112 Regent (0171-734 7020)

RIGHT: Hand-painted reasure chest with boat motif, £346.63 (small), Dragons, 23 Walton Street, Landon SW3



mean his habit of leaving traces of butter in

the jam, and the teabags I leave in the sink?

Is he really spending hours on the vegetable

patch not because he likes broad beans but

simply because he's terrified of a sexual

advance? One hundred and twenty five

about that?"

vegetable patch. Anyhow, Mr Gulliford

came to see us and pronounced us a

"vitalised" couple. The best sort. In descend-

ing order, they go: vitalised, harmonious, traditional, conflicted and devitalised.

We should be feeling pretty good. Actual-

ly, only a couple of days later, we still

wonder if we are in a Greek tragedy -

smug, full of hubris, about to meet Nemesis.

questions later we posted

our sheets to the Prepare

computer. A day or two later

the phone rang and Dr

Peter Brown, who brought

Prepare to this country from

America, said: "It looks as if

you're stuck with this guy

for life, Jill. How do you feel

I could have replied by

quoting question No 84 in

the inventory. "I do not

seem to have fun unless I

am with my partner, but

that would not be true,

especially as I m usually on

the gin when he's on the

Carlings or the Conrans?'

come up as a "growth area". Dr Brown, an Englishman. taught to use the inventory.

We're a much more mobile build our lives." he says. "Fifty years ago we would probably parents, brothers, sisters. aunts and uncles, which creates a pressure to conform. need something to replace that structure. And that's what

He has been married, the years, and is happy to marry divorced people in church.

Tania and Michael Jenkins. both divorced, found themselves doing Prepare simply because they asked Dr Brown to marry them. They'd been living together for three years and had a bahy. We hid our answers from each other." says Mrs Jenkins. who is 27 and a housewife. Her husband, 38, is a painter and I thought that when Matthew

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tions had us in stitches, but there were lots of things we didn't know about each other. You realise you don't communicate, though thinking you do. It was mainly to do with holding in feelings. We talked about our mothers' deaths for the first time and

chures than consider propositions such as "I go out of my way to avoid conflict the woman's place is basically in the home" or "I believe my partner may be too interested

citing and enjoyable," she says. "When you're getting married everyone is concentrating on the wedding. They all want to hear about the dress, the cake, the ring, No one actually wants to discuss the marriage itself, the years

Mrs Stubbs read about Prepare in a wedding magazine. and the couple had their consultation with Nick Gulliford, a lay preacher and the UK co-ordinator for Prepare. She says: "I tend to feel that I must be talking all the time and that silence is a bad thing.

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Would the computer have predicted the parting of Sir Terence Conran and his third wife?

was just staring in space he was bored with me, or that there was a problem, or that he was plotting to do away with me or something. The tension I felt came out through Prepare and I became a lot more accepting and less worried after hearing him talk about how valuable he finds time to stare.

"It makes you confront issues rationally, because it's not a crisis time. You're not upset or fighting your corner. And you feel your growth areas are a challenge, not a failing. Everything was discussed. It makes you stop and think. It asks, 'What do you think it's going to be like?'

Your answers are confidential, even from each other. The practitioner doesn't say: "Adam. Eve thinks you're stubborn." But he knows she does, so he says something like "Is one of you more stubburn

than the other?" "One of the beauties of the inventory," says Mr Gulliford, "is that it goes straight to the point. You have the main areas of likely conflict, you answer the questions and the

computer then shows the disagreements. It's very quick." Linda and Chris Carter-Jackson have a few "growth" areas. They married, each for the first time, a couple of years ago, when she was 42 and he was 39. "Doing Prepare has the same atmosphere as doing therapy," Linda says. "You can say things with a third person there that you can't say directly. It creates a safe place.

inda was troubled by what she sees as a North-South divide. but what sounds more like a divide of class and education. Her husband, a quality assurance controller, is from Sunderland: she's an archivist from Somerset. They

You can expand into it and

look inside your own head."

live in London. "I say something to my husband and think I've planted a dear message, but he doesn't receive it." she says. "I'm a Girl Guide type. He has a great heart, he's well-meaning and only about 70 per cent reliable. Prepare showed up the areas we were skirting

around, such as children. It gave me a great tolerance and showed me how differently he

Does her husband think Prepare is a good thing? There's a distinct possibility of its being a good thing," he says. "When you go and listen" to what the practitioner says you can't just leave it there. You have to bring it home and talk it through. There were quite a few areas we were close on, and some surprising ones

on which we were miles apart. When you're doing Prepare, you hear something and you think. That's not me.' Then you think, Bloody hell, it is me. The one doubt I have is that it might throw some difference up which never would become a problem."

Malcolm Macnaughton, the Area Dean of Hackney in east London, intends to make Prepare a compulsory part of his marriage preparation of couples. He and his wife, Pamela. have just filled in the sister inventory for married couples who want to improve their relationship. The programme is called - again very Ameri-

No one is immune." Whether or not Prepare might have steered Sir Terence Conran away from a succession of broken marriages remains a matter for conjecture. Last month, a judge ordered him to provide his third wife with a divorce package worth £10 million — the largest sum

yet for a contested divorce. Afterwards, he was bitter. "I feel very upset." he said. "She left me. That does not come out in the judgment. I was exupset after a long period of marriage. She took off on the thirtieth anniversary of our wedding."

predicted the couple's growth areas from such propositions exactly what our financial position will be after we marry? Might the warning lights have flashed on the question of, "In our marriage, the husband should be as willing to adjust as the wife? I doubt whether Prepare would have saved the marriage of Ivana Trump and her Italian beau Riccardo Mazzucchelli, who have separated after 18 months. The year of pre-nuptial agreement negotiations were testing enough for

ak-up: Will and Julia Carling, left, and Ivana Trump and Riccardo Mazzucchelli

JILL PARKIN TAKES THE 'IS YOUR MARRIAGE OK?' EXAM

Parkin: "We are the best

sort of 'vitalised' couple'

ON THE FACE OF IT, my husband and I

didn't look a good bet. There's an age gap

which stretches between Jerry Lee Lewis

and Dire Straits. He was divorced when we

met and we lived more than 250 miles apart.

He doesn't like fish or fruit. He has items in

his wardrobe which pre-

date flares. And, a very bad

thing, say the Prepare people, we lived together

before marriage. Anyhow.

everything that mattered

seemed to be going for us, so

six years ago we married.

without benefit of computer

clearance. Last week we took the Prepare/Enrich

"Other marriage advice

services could save a lot of

time if they used the exam,

said Nick Gulliford, a full-

time chartered accountant

before he encountered

Prepare. "They spend so long talking round

instead of talking, my husband and I sat

in separate rooms studying questions such

as. "I am reluciant to be affectionate with my

partner because it is often misinterpreted as

a sexual advance" and "I am not pleased

with the personality characteristics and

personal habits of my partner". Did that

in circles trying to identify the problem."

exam to check progress.

any couple - one reporter at the time said that they made the Balkan peace talks at the time look like a vague arrange-ment to "do lunch". The fact that her bouquet of lilies of the valley began to wilt under the camera lights at the wedding service in a New York hotel lobby might have been

The wedding exam is also unlikely to prepare any couple for repeated encounters with Diana, Princess of Wales. Julia and Will Carling might have had no trouble with the proposition, "there is nothing that would cause me to question my love for my partner. until the former rugby captain met the Princess and became

captivated. However, the suggestion is

that the pre-marital quiz will help to anticipate pitfalls as long as its contestants are

also very funny.

RIGHT: Octopus handpainted steet mirror, £49, The Catalogue (by 'Could the quiz have saved the

Continued from page 1 marriage exam. You have strengths and weaknesses, or "growth areas". For example, if you run ten credit cards and vour narmer keens his or her pay packet under the mattress. financial management will

is far from what most of us think of as a typical vicar. His doctorate is in textiles, from the University of Leeds. After university, he went to teach at the University of Minnesota. where a social sciences colleague, David Olson, was creating Prepare. Then, as part of his training for the priesthood. Dr Brown was

society and that has created a less stable base on which to have lived within easy reach of Now we have more freedom. but less help and collective wisdom. I wouldn't want to go back to that society, but we

second time around, for 30

now we talk things through." erhaps you'd rather curl up with your honeymoon holiday bro-

with my partner", "I believe

But seeing it all on paper and going through things with a third party was just what Jane Belton, 25, needed. She married Matthew Stubbs, 30. in May, with the blessing of Prepare. She is a charity worker for the Christian Children's Fund and her husband is a lawyer.

The questionnaire was exthat follow that one day."

can - Enrich, which sounds like something you stir into your coffee, but is actually another 125 questions. He says: "Marriage in our

society is under huge pressure.

Would the computer have We have figured out

prepared to be honest.

Listead of preparing couples just for weddings, we ought to be preparing them for the whole thing they are taking on and give them some of the skills needed to make it work," the dean adds. "That commitment should not stop at the time of marrying them-They need to feel they can come back for help."

You might especially want to return if you agree strongly with the question, "My partner does not take our disagreements seriously or 1 believe my partner may be no interexam can only be a good thing. because it makes you sit down. think and talk

The trouble is, the exam is

 To take the Prepare or Enrich exams costs £20. The cost of follow-up sessions varies, but is likely to be £30 an hour. Some . vicars will meet part of the cost from parish funds. For more information call freephone 0500 900099.



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Fluid, lingerie-inspired dresses with draped necklines are the season's sophisticates, says Heath Brown

Go on, stick your neck out



dressing up is all about making a woman more beautiful, nothing does it more effectively than a draped neckline, according to Ren Pearce and Andrew Fionda, the talents behind the fashion label Pearce Flonda. "A drapefront neckline on a dress creates a lovely frame for a woman's face and is flattering without being overpow-ering," they say of the look that has become a signature for their catwalk collections. This season we have updated the little black dress with it, making it an essential item."

Many other designers have used tions, including Katharine Hamnett, Hussein Chalayan and Sonja Nuttall, who uses it to emphasise a sense of glamour. "If cut well, the cowl neckline is very sensual and elegant," says Nuttall, whose bias-cut dresses are cut to support the bust beneath the folds. The neckline is particularly flattering, she adds, if the fabric is cut on the bias, which makes the grain fall more fluidly.

Although the style was pepular in the Twenties and Thirties, the look now is not retro. The draping detail uses an old technique, but for a modern approach," says Trish Krohn of Warehouse, which stocks several of the styles in georgetic, jersey and velvet devore. Krohn suggests wearing the dresses with severely cut jackets, giving the look a Nineties kick. The lines of this sort of dress are refined and soft, which look feminine worn with sharp tailoring."

The neckline also gives an added twist to the slip dress, updating the simple strappy styles that, for a while now, have taken their look from lingerie

and nightwear.

This season the feel is for sery lingerie inspired dresses in fluid fabrics," says Gail Casimir, the chief designer at Etam. The drape neck provides elegant but minimal detail which accentuates the female form rather than revealing it."

And to accessorise it? All designers

And to accessorise if? All designers either advocate leaving the neckline bare, which emphasises the dramatic folds of the dress, or wearing over-the-top decoration, such as bold feather boas. The ideal shoes are strappy, high-heeled sandals if the dress is knee-length, or long, slinky

boots if the length is longer.

Whatever the decoration, it is a look that is sophisticated and modern, that works for both day and night. A look that has swags of style.



ABOVE: Black diamond devoré dress; £60, Etam, 484 Oxford Street, W1 (0171-494 7732), Black-and-white feather collar, £50, Delphine Panente, Browns, 24 South Molton Street, W1 (0171-491 7833). Feather hair clip, £25, Johnny Loves Rosie, Fenwicks, New Bond Street, W1 (0171-247 1496). TOP LEFT: Gold print dress, £55, The Collection, Etem, as before. Black-and-cream anide-tie sandals, £49.99, Ravel, 184-188 Oxford Street, W1, and branches (0171-631 0224). Hair clip, as before Photographs: Richard Burns. Hair and make-up: Sarah Gottschalk, using Glauca Rossi Products (mail order 0171-289 7485). Styling: Amandip Uppat

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GARDEN ANSWERS

STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

Five years ago I plan-ted a lavender cotton

and a curry plant on a steep, south-facing bank. Both plants produced a good crop of small yellow flowers

in July-August for the first

two summers, but for the

last three years there have

been none, despite contin-

uing thick and healthy fo-

liage. Why is this, and have you a remedy? — Lady Warner, Moreton-in-Marsh,

and curry plant (Heli-chrysum italicum) will

flower so profusely that some or all of the bush is exhausted by the effort, and

the subsequent year is spent

in building up strength again, with no flowers.

present. They must have full

sun, of course. I wonder if

your plants have found some

especially rich soil, because

that too, might prevent them flowering, by encouraging soft growth. Too much

clipping back of such soft growth induces even more

soft growth, which is unlike-

ly to flower. I would leave

well alone for a year, with no

feeding and only the occa-

sional nipping out of a wayward shoot.

I am minding a friend's house for the

summer and I have sum-

mer-pruned the wisteria. I

would hate to compost all

that growth. Is it possible to

propagate this exotic stuff?
- E. Kindler, Oxted, Surrey.

Greater love hath no man

than to summer-prune

someone else's wisteria.

However, propagation is

harder. It can be done by taking heel or nodal (leaf-

joint) cuttings from the base

of this year's shoots in Au-

gust. Use hormone rooting

powder and a sandy com-

post. But they are not easy.

If you do decide to make

cuttings, use newly cut

wood. All prunings will have

to be composted. Normally,

wisteria is propagated by

grafting on to seedling stocks. Seed is an easy

method of propagation, but

plants from seed take many

vears to flower.

Occasionally, a laven-A der cotton (Santolina)

Gloucestershire.

Two years ago we pot-ted our Christmas tree

and it has grown well. It

came indoors again last Christmas, but this time the needles nearest the truck went brown and dropped

after the tree was put out-

doors again. It is still grow

ing but how do we avoid

more needle-dropping? -

doors, it thinks it is summer and, if you kept it in long

enough, it would grow. In

the meantime, it says to

itself, it's hot, better lose a few layers, and it prepares to shed its older needles to

reduce transpiration. To avoid this do two things: at

Christmas, keep the tree

somewhere cool, rather than

by a radiator. Also, water it-

well outdoors while the new

shoots are growing, and feed

it gently, to ensure the new

growth is will hide any

premature dropping of necdles. In summer, stand it

where its roots will be cool

but its foliage will be in sun.

When a Christmas tree When a consession with roots comes in-

J.P. Hett, London SW19.

Victoria's potted history

GARDENER'S UPDATE



THOSE WITH the odd £20,000 to spare could consider buying a rather impressive ornamental "flowerpot". It's an egg-shaped antique pottery vessel once used to store wine or olive oil. Called a grandonna, it is nearly 13ft high and weighs three tornes. Beside it is the smaller Castillia Tinaja — weighing in at about 44lb and 23in tall. It costs £159, without VAT and seems positions of the smaller Castillia Tinaja — weighing in at about 44lb and 23in tall. ively cheap in comparison, though there is a delivery charge of about £40. The selection of pots at Victoria's Collection is extensive, expensive but stylish, and there is a 15 per cent discount for Times readers for one month only. The Victoria's Collection brochure is lavish and usually costs £10, but is free to Times readers, again for one month only.

Further details from: Victoria's Collection, Multby House, London Road, Louth, Lincolnshire LN119QP (01507 601221).

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Talking trees

■ THOMAS PACKENHAM, the chairman of the Irish Tree Society, is running a one-day course at Altamont, Co Carlow, a 40-acre formal and informal garden with a scattering of rare trees in the arboretum, a bog garden and

FRUIT

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an Ice Age glen within sight of the Wicklow Mountains. The course, on September 6, costs £50 and includes morning coffee, home-cooked lunch and afternoon tea. Lectures only, £10. Details from Altamont Garden Trust, Altamont, Tullow, Co Carlow (00 353 503 59302).

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Dominating the Victoria's Collection gardens at Louth, Lincolnshire, is this 13ft-tall grandonna "flowerpot" - at £20,000

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Fair deal

SAVILL GARDENS, Wick Lane, Englefield Green, Surrey, off the A30, is staging an "autumn, plant fair" on August 23, from IOam-5.30pm. The fair will be held by the large coach and car parks and will offer some excellent plants for those who arrive early enough - plant fairs such as this tend to sell out fast. The 35-acre gardens are worth a visit, too, especially with their large temperate house, which opened two years ago with a range of tender plants including a weeping Kashmir cypress, tree ferns and eucryphias Entrance to garden £3.50. Details on 01753 860222.

PLANT OF THE MONTH



The magical plant mister

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THE CLEMATIS 'BIL

MacKenzie' still seems to get overshadowed by its older relation C. tangutica, from which, it is thought, Bill MacKenzie' was hybridised. Both are yellow with open, bell-shaped flowers and both are vigorous, but 'Bill' has flowers with thick petals which are nearly twice the size of its older relation. It is a bright, bold, well-behaved plant with mid to pale green, deeply cut leaves. Both varieties are in full flower now and will go on until the frosts. Sadly, one of the great specialists. Valley Clematis, has closed, but another nursery with a good, wide range of stock is Treasures of Tenbury, of Burford House

Clematis Bill And Kentle

dematis list is available the price of an SAE. Otherwise. try tracing alternative sources through the RHS guide The Plant Finder (Dorling Kindersley, £12.99, which lists about 70,000 plants and where to find them, and is available from most garden centres and bookshops.

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I visited Hadspen on a wet and windy June day but my enthusiasm was no dampened. In fact, the heavy atmosphere enhanced the first picture of the chaste stone house seen across park and backed

by woods that you pass en route to it.
The garden has been remade by Nori and Sandra Pope, both Canadian, during the past ten years and now bubbles with bold planting and combinations that depend on colour, foliage and shape. The walled garden site is unusual, forming a kind of bowl, with the wall curving away to the left from the entrance gate and descending the sloping site to the bottom in front of a backdrop of wooded slope. In front of the wall is the garden's planting forte, a curving border that progresses in colour from vibrant hot reds

creams at the bottom. It might sound rather predictable, but the choice and arrangement of plants certainly is not. The sense of adventure and bold scale is equally evident in the yellow borders that extend straight down the slope from the main entrance gate, in the jungle-like foliage of the rodgersias (of which Hadspen holds the National Collection)

and the planting around a romantic

first or discover on the way out.

and oranges to pinks and, eventually,

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House of Tongue, Tongue, by Lairg, Sutherland (0)847 611209)

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The garden, which lies behind and above the 17th-century house is enclosed by protective stone walls. Perhaps the most rewarding place to start is the upper terrace, reached via beech-hedged steps,



Floral finery: Hadspen in Somerset

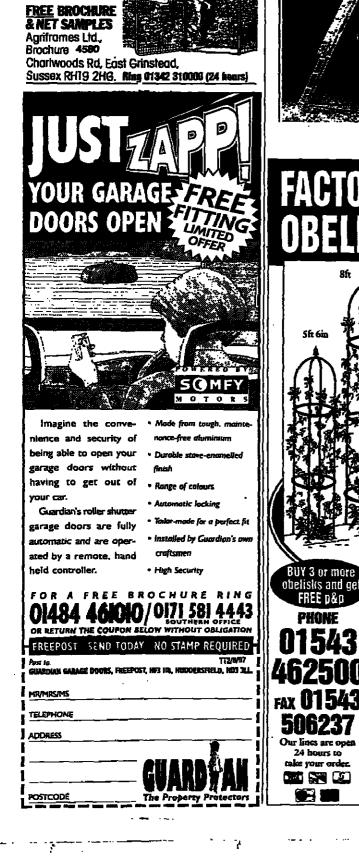
to enjoy views over the Kyle of Tongue. The main area is a combination of simplicity and the old-fashioned - gravel paths, low clipped hedges and herbaceous borders with, for example, campanulas, phlox and michaelmas daisies, that will continue flowering well into autumn, dividing plots of fruit and vegetables.

Rode Hall, Church Lane, Scholar Green, Cheshire (01270 882961)

About five miles southwest of Congleton. Open Tues Thurs and Bank Hols until Sept 24, 2-5pm. 12, children and OAPs El.

As you approach through its parkland. the fine house whose appearance changed in stages through the Georgian period, beckons and you instantly get the impression that the whole scene has been well planned. Humphry Repton worked here in the late 18th century and nearly 100 years later the Victorian garden designer William Nesfield laid out the formal and rose gardens. From Nesfield's formal area and rose garden you can look across to where the garden merges into park and farmland and to Repton's long lake, planned to make a visual feature and a boundary. The dell garden, with flowering shrubs and rockwork (not up the same scale as those at nearby Biddulph Grange but still an intriguing period feature) is different in mood to Nestield's formality. At this time the forte is the restored walled kitchen garden.

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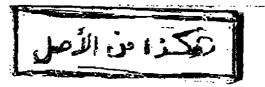
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Natural call of the wild

Barbara Abbs looks at how formality

is giving way to 'greener' havens of native wild flowers and grasses

having to live sur-rounded by deeply unattractive native plants like nettles and goosegrass (cleavers) or snailharbouring ivy. Ecology and conservation have had a significant effect on parks, gardens and open spaces in recent years, and aesthetic considerations such as colour and form have sometimes been lost the concern for wildlife

Yet one only has to look at the exciting and sustainable communities of native and introduced plants used in parks and gardens in Holland, Germany and America to realise that this need not be so. At an international symposium

on perennial plants and new trends in planting designs at Kew recently, speakers included academic ecologists, landscape architects and designers of private and public gardens in The Netherlands, America and the UK. Neil Diboll, proprietor of the Prairie Nursery in Wisconsin, began with an inspiring yet practical account of recreating the flora of the American Prairie in

a garden setting.

The prairie soils of America are among the richest on the Continent: that is why the prairie flora has been largely replaced by the mono-culture of the Coal Belt. Re-establishing it began in the 1930s at the University of Madison in

'Seeing pictures of English cottage gardens in books had made many American gardeners realise that their "weeds" made effective border plants. Bold daisies like echinacea, rudbeckia and helianthus, spikes of solidago and liatris, and especially native grasses, were not considered suitable for gardens until ten years ago.

Now an enthusiasm for ecologi-

aving a naturalistic through swaths of the United garden does not mean States, much as the fashion for having to live sur- wildflower meadows is growing here. Prairie planting attracts hum-ming birds and butterflies, and is very low-maintenance. Like a wild flower meadow, it is also beautiful to look at, with the freekled charm of a mille fleurs tapestry.

Creating a prairie is not as simple as it sounds. No wild-flower planting is. A successful prairie takes five years to establish. Site preparation is of the essence. Two years of barren earth, while emerg-ing annual and perennial weed seeds are repeatedly knocked on the head with Round-up, seems to be essential. After that, the area can be seeded with a balanced mixture of suitable herbaceous perennials and grasses

The new perennials and baby rasses are not very interesting the following summer, but in the second year, black-eyed Susan, Rudbeckia hirta, will flower, and by the third year (the fifth after you have started work) the effect is ravishing, whatever the season the dry grasses look wonderfully dramatic rimed with frost, or emerging from a quilt of snow. From then on it is simply a matter of cutting down or burning back in spring every third year or so.

The Dutch, with a more complet garden tradition, have borders which vary from a familiar "cottage garden" style to parks planted entirely with indigenous plants and grasses. In 1926 J.P. Thijsse in The Netherlands realised that urban life and intensive agriculture were destroying wildflower habitats and developed the first heempark, or "home park", planting only native

trees and flowers. The most beautiful, the park named after him at Amstelveen on the edge of Amsterdam, has been long established. Landscape design



other heemparks have come to the notice of private gardeners. Hein Koeningen, who is in charge of Amstelveen Parks Department, emphasised that the park, while using native trees and wildflowers, designed, above all, to be

It is far from being a lowmaintenance area. The beds are hand-weeded and wild plants are grown in pots and planted out when necessary. Heathers are clipped by hand rather than by machine to keep them compact. In many ways, it is maintained like an old-fashioned private garden.

Naturalistic planting using native perennials is increasing in Britain: There are, however, some particular problems created by our climate. The damp winters, cooler and wetter summers, unexpected late frosts or unusually dry springs. cally sound native flowers and for students have been visiting it for 30 and armies of slugs and snails, can "prairie planting" is sweeping years, but it is only lately that it and decimate the perennial plants

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grown in grass. Grasses here have a long season of active growth, and continue to germinate through the amma.

Hardy perennials in an American prairie garden need to be vigorous to compete with all the surrounding plants and grasses, deep rooted to cope with the worst of droughts, and showy to compete aesthetically with the rest of the vegetation. In Britain those echinaceas and rudbeckias, which seem so tough in America, can be seriously weakened by late frosts and slugs, and fail to compete effectively with neighbouring

At Cowley Manor in Gloucestershire, Noel Kingsbury is trying two ways of growing perennials, influenced by German and Dutch planting. Described simplistically, one is to have flower borders with grasses, the other, grass with flowers. His experience can assist

CHECKLIST

TO establish naturalistic perennial planting...

- Clear perennial weeds.
- Do not over-fertilise.
- Select the right plants for the soil and situation.
- Choose grasses that form clumps rather than mats.
- Plant in the autumn. Mulch to save moisture and prevent germination of annual weeds.

anyone planning to introduce a more naturalistic, wildlife-friendly and lower-maintenance element into their garden without losing the colour, form and variety of the traditional English border. Successful plants to grow in

erass are semi-evergreen, such as Verbascum olympicum and many of the geraniums such as Geranium Macrorrhizum and G. endressii. They start into growth early, such as Lamium orvala and

Meconopsis cambrica, or they form big clumps, in the case of Accanthus longifolius and the larger polygonums, which keep surrounding grasses at bay.

The perennials do not have to be native plants to look natural and be part of a self-sustaining and exciting group. In the border-plus grasses, species like Knautia macedonica, with deep red scabious flowers, or Anemone hupehensis, fit in perfectly, as do

Anthemis 'E.C. Buxton'. Grasses in borders should be clump-forming, not turf or matforming. Choose Pennisetum villosum, the feather top, Helicto-

trichon sempervirens, the blue oat

cultivars like the soft yellow daisy,

grass, the semi-evergreen Bouteloua gracilis, Mosquito grass or Stipa gigantea, Golden cats, and avoid Phalaris arundinacea, var. picta. Gardeners garters, Levmus arenarius or Holcus mollis, which spread by underground rhizomes, or Carex pendula, elegant but much too vigorous.

Carefully planted, a border of mixed herbaceous perennials and grasses can be aesthetically pleasing, easy to maintain and will attract birds and butterflies. It does not need to be rigidly confined to native wild flowers and indigenous grasses. If some of these notions sound familiar, William Robin-son's still influential The Wild Garden, published in England in 1870, was a plea for a very similar type of planting.

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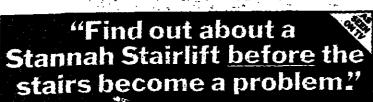
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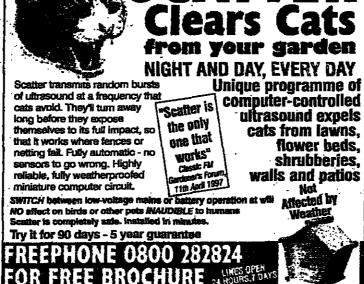
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Gadgets take the hell out of high watering

mong all the rat, some-times gardening devices come along which are genuinely useful. I include with these the devices for watering hanging baskets.

The principle is simple. A lance with a U-bend, like a walking stick. is attached to a hosepipe. There is an on-off control at the bottom end, and the upper, bent, end is inserted between the plants in the basket to get the water directly into the soil. It saves you getting your feet wet twice a day in hot weather, and you can take comfort in knowing that enough of the water has hit the soil, rather than bouncing off the foliage. No need for ladders, or trips backwards and forwards to the tap with a watering can.

If the water is hitting the soil and not the plants, the plants will look better. There is nothing so sad as busy lizzies with their dead flowers plastered to the leaves with water. In areas where the water is very limey, that too builds up on the foliage to give a scurfy, tired

When you plant up a hanging basket it is worth bearing the maintenance in mind. If you regularly forget to water your baskets and have to give emergency resuscitation once a week, go for the more forgiving species such as ivy, spider plants and trailing pelargoniums.

Avoid yellow creeping jenny and trailing Helichrysum petiolare. The latter may make a good leafy foil for more spectacular flowering plants, but once they have seriously wilted, the grey form and especially the yellow 'Limelight' look miser able and papery until they have grown new leaves.

Think about the deadheading. Some plants, like bidens, verbena and scaevola, can be left to flower all season with no deadheading at all I like to deadhead petunias to keep them flowering vigorously into autumn.

This year I have been growing the small-flowered trailing 'Carillon' petunias, and they have been covered in flower since May, with no dead-heading at all. They have a charm and a delicacy quite unlike the chunkier old-fashioned petunias, or even the Surfinia types. (Botanists say they are calibrachoas, not petunias at all.) The leaf is small too, and the whole plant low, so it can be used to blend in as

Crushed blooms and wet feet are a thing of the past thanks to hanging-

basket tools, writes Stephen Anderton





High and dry: the Easi-Reach (left) and Hi-Lo watering systems

a foil for bigger blooms. If you want to grow hungry and thirsty plants. like fuchsias, in baskets, then it pays to water properly and feed generously all the time.

You may like to use the special hanging-basket composts, which contain moisture-retentive gels, or you can make your own with separately purchased gel granules such as Swel-Gel. Hungry feeders can be given extra feed by occasionally putting an in-line fertil-iser diluter on the hose when you

Much less trouble is to insert into the compost at planting time one of the bullets of Osmocote slowrelease fertiliser, which will dissolve gradually over the season. It is also important, however you intend to water, to make the surface of the compost concave, so the water does not run off before it has

WEEKEND TIPS

■ Ensure runner beans have plenty of water. Give liquid feed with a tomato fertiliser. Pick regularly to keep them cropping, and arrange for someone else to pick and use them if you are away.

Keep wear and tear to a minimum on lawns browned by drought. Water only those areas which would otherwise be worn away by the passage of feet. Withold fertilisers and selective

Give dahlias secure stakes tall enough to take them through to the end of the season, and tie them loosely.

Cut wildflower and meadow grass this month, taking off all the clippings to reduce fertility and encourage wildflowers. Ensure that the plants you want to encourage have ripened their seed.

■ To encourage flowering, withold water completely from Christmas cach for a month, and put them in a shady place to rest. Some shrivelling may occur.

time to sink in. Once the compost is full of roots it will keep its dish shape despite pressures of water from a hose, but at planting time the shape needs exaggerating in the basket, to get it established.

If you dislike spending money on fancy watering lances, there is a distinctly low-tech Blue Peter version available, the Easi-Reach,

from Erin (ES).

Like a hollow plastic croquet mallet with an extendable handle. it is dunked into a bucket of water, then lifted up to the basket. The water comes out from perforations at one end, like a sugar sifter. However, as the reservoir is as fat as a croquet mallet, I do not see how you water a fully planted basket without the water going all over the leaves, and thence your feet. The beauty of a hose lance is that you can poke it in between plants to reach the soil.

Erin also produce a gadget called the Hi-Lo (£5.99, £9.99 for two), for lowering and raising hanging bas-kets. It is rather like a butcher's hanging scales, or the pulleys that were used to raise and lower early electric chandeliers.

It is fixed between the basket and its supporting hook, and allows the basket to be pulled down for maintenance and pushed up again.

extends for 30in, which is just about enough, and will support a maximum weight of 20lb (9kg). That is fully laden weight, with a season's worth of foliage on top, and soaked after a thorough watering. It could be very

But it is not just useful for watering, but for having a close look at the plants, too. Plants need deadheading and constant care: plants in baskets are if anything more prone to pests and diseases than plants in the ground or even large pots, because life in a basker is always tough. Buffeting winds, hot roots, competition for root-run, periodic sluicings of water instead of a constant supply in the ground, are all reasons for making a plant

And it is always the weak and the which succumb to stressed

So be kind to your baskets. Water them regularly, in the cool of morning or evening, and get an enquiring nose in there as often as the hosepipe.



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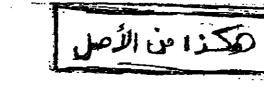
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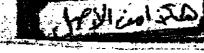
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A Queen Anne mansion with a chapel and romantic folly: just the house for a footballer



Transfer list: Colin Lee and his wife Linda are moving on to new pastures after spending more than £200,000 renovating 38-room Hanch Hall

Time to move the goalposts

f you are in the vicious business of pigeonholing people, then footballers, like politicians, hairdressers and trainspotters are easy, lazy prey. Smirk at their glamour-model girlfriends, raise your eyebrows at their mock-Tudor mansions and tut-tut at the mahogany finish on their reproduction dining-

Happily, Colin Lee - ex-Chelsea and Spurs striker, now assistant manager of Wolves - is safe from such naive reductivism. Let is the exception that does not prove Hanch Hall for about 19 the rule: he does not wear sheepskin, smoke didgeridoo- property for £600,000 and it is timeshare in Portugal.

Grade II listed, Queen Annefronted manor house near Lichfield, Staffordshire, subtlyrestored by him, his wife Linda and two well-thosen ren and discussed why the interior designers. What is time was right he says.
more, he is charming, articu- Lee is a family man and

The Nicest Man in Football Sitting with Lee in his bloodred, oak-lined billiard room where he and his 15-year-old son Marc seem to spend a lot of their time — despite the football memorabilia tucked quickly substituted in favour of DIY tips.

He and his wife have spent more than £200,000 on the house, and when push comes to shove, although Lee is far too much of a gentleman for that sort of behaviour, it becomes obvious that he would rather be insulating the roof, attending antiques ancfeeding his peacocks than discussing the form of the Wolves youth team. The Lees have been at

months. They bought the now on the market at £900,000. Having put in so leave but feel they would prefer somewhere smaller. It has not been an easy decision: We sat down with the child-

late, relaxed and may well be Hanch Hall is a family home, so he does not have the team to stay at weekends, just regular friends and relatives ("no, that's work. I like to leave it behind"). Although "the guy who does the Wolves kit comes down quite a lot," he says. Boggle-eyed guests can



The grounds feature a 40ft high folly replicating Lichfield Cathedral and its three spires

recline on swallow-you-up so-fas in the Queen Anne sitting room and watch Match of the Day (or The Antiques Roadshow) on the industrial-sized television.

And after draining the best bottles in the cellars (it took the previous owner two days to move his supply), there is no shortage of pillow space for

woozy heads. in the newly renovated Victori-Stagger up the Jacobean-style staircase, past the stained-glass windows which an wing — Twe been to so many auctions and never seen anything like it, "he says.

At the oldest, 15th-century depict the family crests of the previous owners, and you will end, in the William Orme

find ten bedrooms, some with room, the mantels display a their own bathrooms and sitfine selection of valuable bisting rooms. cuit jars ("look, this one is An extraordinary Victorian shell collection is tucked away

great, worth about £150"). The house is set in 20 acres encompassing stables, formal gardens, a paddock, chapel and parkland and rea-rooms. although these are no longer open to the public.

rawling around the side of the lake is a grand folly: a recreation of Lichfield Cathedral that the previous owners had reconstructed. It might sound like something Rachel Whiteread would cook up during her retirement years. But nestled, rather like the Lady of Shalott's tower in between the undergrowth, down by the water, it is as

quiet. homely and unpretentious as the house itself. Hanch Hall could never be an essential buy and it is too romantic and rambling to be a necessity, but I can think of worse places to put out my welcome mat.

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MANAGERS' DREAM **HOMES**



GERRY FRANCIS, the manager of Tottenham Hotspur, pictured outside his house in Bagshot, Surrey. The property was recently valued at £600,000. Francis shares the family home with the other great love of his



BOBBY ROBSON lives in a Spanish villa among palm-tree lined avenues and only a two-minute walk from the beach. It's one of the perks of being the general manager at Barcelona. The villa is beautifully decorated and has a large swimming pool.



RON ATKINSON, the former manager at Coventry City, lives in style in a mock-Tudor country mansion in the village of Barnt Green, Worcestershire. The beautiful house, described by many as a dream home, was targeted by burglars last year.



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PROPERTY PROFILE: HAMPSHIRE

Attractions: Confirmed yachties flock to the Solent, with many favouring villages around Lymington. Commuiers benefit from frequent trains to Waterloo - about an hour from Winchester, The M3, A3 and A303 provide links to the Midlands, the North and West. Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst in the New Forest are much sought after, as are Hambledon. Droxford and Exton in the Meon Valley. Crawley, Littleton and Sparsholt draw many parents of those at Winchester's private schools.

The market: Prices have risen by an average of 16 per cent so far this year, with increases of 30 per cent in soughtafter locations such as villages around Alton, and in parts of the Meon Valley, says Hampton International Humberts, in Petersfield, says activity has increased by about 33 per cent over the past year and has doubled in the £300,000 to £1 million bracket. Lane Fox in Winchester has 1,000 applicants for properties over £300,000.

Expect to pay: From £200,000 to £300,000 for a three-bedroomed cottage; £350,000 to £700,000 for a farmhouse with some land, and £750,000 to £1.5 million for a mediumsized country house, says Lane Fox. Cluttons, in Romsey, says 90 per cent of its applicants are looking for a period country house with about five acres. Lane Fox estimates that 75 per cent of buyers are from London, and like John D. Wood, finds many are prepared to pay well over guide prices.

Significant sale: Chilbolton Cottage in Winchester, built in the 1930s, has just been sold by John D. Wood for more than £350,000, well in excess of the guide price. A property to watch out for is a modest semi in Little Hayes Lane, Itchen Abbas, near Winchester, home to Mark Oaten, the Liberal Democrat MP for Winchester. John D. Wood is asking £180,000.

Outlook: Humberts reckons prices will increase by 5 to 10 per cent between now and next June. Lane Fox says interest rate rises and the budget have dampened the market a little.

AMANDA LOOSE ■ Next Saturday's property profile: Norfolk.





the Bull Ring centre in Birmingham.

● Schools: Lichfield Cathedral School, Abbots Bromley Girls' School and Repton Public School.

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House-price increases of 16 per cent in Greater London during the past year have yet to spread to the rest of the country Although prices in the South East are keeping up, the ripple of prosperity begins to falter the further away from London you are. In the South West, for example, prices have increased by 6 per cent, according to the Halifax. In the North, average prices have gone up by only 2 per cent. Some areas of Loridon have risen by considerably more than 16 per cent. "We have not noticed a pronounced ripple effect; Greater London is atypical," a Halifax spokesman says. "And we anticipate that in 1998, as the supply





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A mansion fit for a prince

to see why King Louis Phillipe of France the 18th-century Orleans monarch - preferred its leafy calm to the more solemn atmosphere of the Tuileries.

The solid, gracious hôtel particulier (mansion) I had come to see would have appealed to him. It is certainly priced at a princely sum: Fr90 million (about £9 million).

Built in 1855 just after Napoleon III came to power, it is set in about an acre of grounds. Three sides of the house are surrounded by gardens and grottos but the back with its grand terrace, is overlooked by an apartment building.

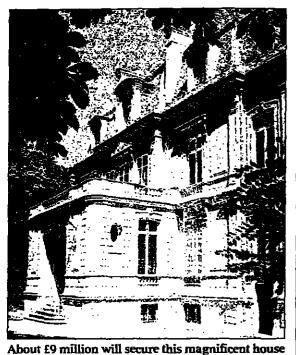
The ceilings on the ground floor are about loft high. Even on the third floor the ceiling heights are impressive, at least 10fr. The reception rooms have trompe-l'oeil ceilings. One could imagine belle époque couples sweeping through them. The drawing room

Neutlly, it's easy had recently been used for a party. A sparkly disco hall was still suspended from the chandelier. The house is no longer

furnished, so the bedrooms reveal little of their former incumbents, though it became clear that the recent event may have been a Hong Kong handover party. This was less my intuition than the presence of a oft-long paper dragon on the floor of one of these rooms amid other Sinoephemera. Other rooms had teetering piles of maga-zines from the 1930s.

Whoever buys the house must maintain its residential status, because there is no option for corporation use. It would make a good embassy or official resi-dence with some imaginative tree transplanting to screen it from the apartment block.

KATHERINE BERGEN ■ Agent: Sotheby's International Realty



Bargain time for French leave. Housing on

the other side of the English Channel has never been so affordable

plummeting in France, at least for British buyers, thanks to the strength of the pound which has gained about a third in value against the French franc in a year.

The French house market is still in recession, so owners are keen to sell and there is little competition from local buyers. A studio on the Mediterranean, a rustic cottage inland or a pied-à-terre in Paris can be had for little more than the price of a second-hand car, according to International Living, a newsletter which reports on property bargains around the world.

For £10,000 you can buy an 18sq m (about 21.5sq yd) studio in a modern purpose-built block on the Mediterranean at Cap d'Agde, a lively harbourside resort in the Languedoc between Sete and Beziers, which is popular with yachtsmen.

"It might be small but it is immediately habitable and an ideal pied-d-l'eau. A similar flat around St Tropez could cost £100,000," says Nigel Paige, of the agents Authentic France, which has a selection of studios, one-bedroom flats and twobedroom town houses for sale at Cap d'Agde. Larger studios, with a balcony or garden on the seafront, can be had for £15,000. One-bedroom flats with a mooring alongside cost about £40,000 and two-bedroom terraced houses with a mooring at the bottom of the garden from £50,000.

"The mooring alone is worth E10,000," says Mr Paige. Sailing yachts are 20 per cent cheaper in France than the UK, he says. A 30ft, 15-year-old yacht in good condition can be had for about £15,000. You could even buy a yacht and a onebedroom flat with a mooring on the Mediterranean for only £55,000."

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The neighbourhood improves to the west, on the border of the 9th arrondissement, where there are small shops, restaurants and cafés.

ost of the flats are in large 19th-century buildings of varying elegance and dilapidation, with high ceilings, French windows and balconies. On the Right Bank, the 16th arrondissement, in the west of the city is a fashionable area, its wide, tree-lined avenues lined with 19th-century belle époque buildings. Here you can buy a 24sq m groundfloor studio in a refurbished building, near the River Seine, for £50,000. One-bedroom balcony flats (31-35sq m) overlooking a garden cost from £75,000 to £96,500, through Thornclife Properties.

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BEFORE you rush off to buy that French retreat, "crying out for conver-sion and going for a song", a word of caution from Adrian and Lulie Webb, from Corsham, Wiltshire, who bought a second home in the Loire.

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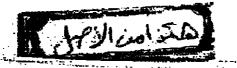
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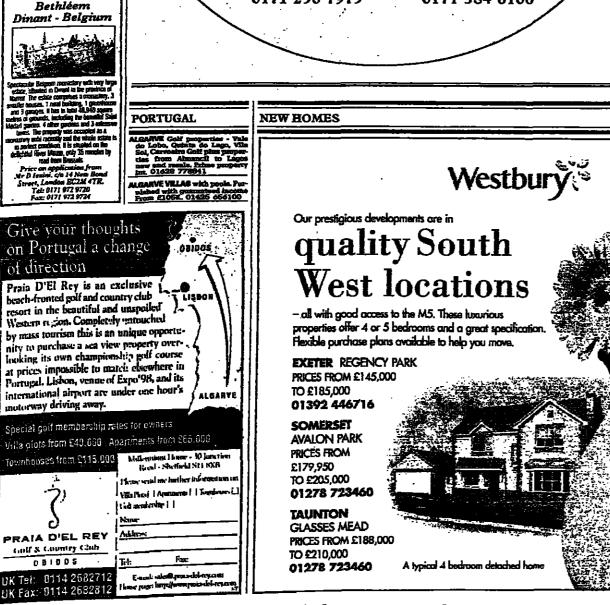
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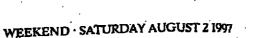
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THANKS to the response by readers of The Times ("Jom the great elm hunt", June 21), 130 hitherto unknown healthy elms, including one believed to be the tallest in Britain, have been added to the Conservation Foundation's index of trees that have escaped infection by Dutch elm disease.

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plant them out as part of an ambitious programme which it hopes could eventually restore the elm to rural Britain. The disease is still endemic and kills emerging suckers when they reach 20 feet, at about seven to ten years old.

• Every Times reader who helped in the elm survey will receive an invitation to the Conservation Foundation's second annual elm workshop to be held at the University of Sussex on September 12.

• If you know of a mature elm — at least 190cm circumference at

Not all the sample leaves sent in by Times readers were elm; some Castle in Kent. . "It is in the best of were lime and hazel. However, two health," he says. "Perhaps the fact enormous trees were discovered. that it was surrounded by limes Philip Clarkson Webb found the meant the beetle didn't find it. Or largest specimen so far found in the perhaps the smell of the lime put off United Kingdom standing among

> chest height (between 1 and 1.5 metres from the ground) — that appears to have survived Dutch elm disease, send details, including grid reference, with a leaf sample to: The Conservation Foundation, I Kensington Gore. London SW7 2AR(0171-591 3111: fax 0171-591 3112).

working for the Conservation

Foundation, has taken cuttings

from another elm, almost as tall,

discovered at Castleacre Priory in

Norfolk (above) and will be

planting them near the parent tree

to take advantage of any beneficial

environmental factors. Normally it would be 15 to 20 years before the elms which grow from the cuttings can be presumed safe from infection by the still active disease. However, we may know long before then what sets these trees apart. Thanks to a separate European Union-funded project, these new specimens will be tested to establish whether they do have some innate resistance to disease.

Watch this space - and keep us posted if you find other examples.

A vet writes

Recently you wrote about hot-weather hazards and the dangers of overlong exposure to sonlight, but you didn't say anything about drought and how we can help animals - especially wild ones - when it's hot and everywhere is dried up. Would you repair this omis-

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The second washing bowl is intended for the tiny birds. The water should just cover the pebbles, so creating dozens of little pools an inch or so deep. This will give the small species and baby birds plenty of water to drink, although not enough for them to fall into and drown. Bees will use it as their watering hole too (honeymaking is a thirsty business).

The baking tin is for hedge-hogs, frogs and toads, the family tortoise and mice. voles, rats and squirrels. Sink it in the soil, so the edges of the tin are at ground level and use a bit of gravel or sand to make a shallow end. Then small creatures can drink, wallow in the water and, if necessary, climb out via the sandy beach Keep the water levels topped up and, if a lot of bathing goes on, clean out and empty the bowls every few days to remove feathers and droppings.

Our cherished cat died last April of feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) infection. She had been vaccinated against Feline leukaemia (FeLV), but we're told there's no vaccine against FIV. We want to get a kitten. or half-grown cat, possibly from a rescue bome. We intend to ask for blood tests first, to make sure the newcomer is not infected. But how long will the virus live in the house? All our old cat's bedding, bowls and grooming equipment have been destroyed, but we can't fit new carpets and curtains. What do youadvise?

The various feline viruses - and there are several - don't live long outside the cat, and after three months any traces of infection vill have disappeared. Infec tion usually arises from mother cat -- either before birth or while the kitten is suckling or when cats live in colony

conditions, close together. Household pets are less likely to catch one of these viruses. So there's an increased risk of infection in a "rescue" cat, and blood testing would not give an accurate result until a few weeks after infection had occurred. I don't think a cat-rescue home would be enthusiastic about blood tests. No responsible welfare society could rehome a cat known to be infected.

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Look for a kitten from a pet cat — ideally from a house full of children. Kittens that have been handled in the first few weeks of life are always better socialised than those born in barns or warehouses. Vaccinate, of course, and don't worry too much. FIV is very rare and FeLV is not common.

JAMES ALLCOCK Write to The Times Vet. Weekend, The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN. Advice is offered without legal responsibility.

Give a dog a bad name

ennie Booth of the Border Collie Trust in Staffordshire has just been summoned to pick up yet another vanload of unwanted dogs from Wales - two adults and two pups. "You can't find a home for collies in Wales nowadays," she says. "You might well try alligators and get more luck."

Every year Jennie Booth's rescue organisation takes in some 350 Border collies and sheepdogs — . Border collies being pedigree strains and has to turn away the same number. Nationwide, other rescue centres - including those run by the main animal charities - are having to deal with thousands more.

What has gone wrong with this noble native breed so popularly portrayed on One Man And His Dog? Jennie believes that both overbreeding and over-high expectations of how readily a dog genetically

programmed to work can adapt to life as a pet could be to blame. "The fact is." she says, "you can get collies too easily. People see them as the one recognisable breed you can get on the cheap. You can pick up a pup at farm gates for \$50 with no questions asked. You might think you're getting a Border collie, but just as likely you're getting a collietype or collie-cross mongrel of

unknown quantity."

Quite a few people, adds Jennie, have this strange notion that collies come ready-trained. They don't appreciate that the dogs they see on TV have been brought on by experienced handlers for years. They also don't realise that, because collies are very active, intelligent and sensitive dogs, they can soon go wrong if not in the right hands.

"They need plenty of exercise and mental stimulation. Something to do and something to think about. And if they don't get this on a regular basis, they'll just go nuts."

When collies "go nuts", it seems, they can do so quite spectacularly: ripping up home fittings, displaying frustrated bouts of aggression and hotly herding and pursuing, in the absence of sheep, any other moving target from a Lada to a lawnmower.

When this happens with pet collies, despairing owners often turn to Barbara Sykes, in Yorkshire, for the Mainline Border Collie Training Centre as well as her own sheep farm, has bred and worked thousands of collies over the past 30 years. Now she is much in demand to sort out collies brought to her as "problem pets".

arbara believes that a suc-Cessful, wall-adjusted pet col-lie is "about 60 per cent to do with good breeding and 40 per cent to do with good ownership". But, she adds: "With nearly all the dogs I see, it's the owners who are the problem. I've had owners who have spent a fortune on behaviourists, or who have had the dogs on beta-

blockers to calm them down. They seem surprised when the problems can be solved by some-thing as straightforward as a change in diet and better basic

Collies, agree Jennie and Bar bara, can be uniquely rewarding when their work-driven psyches are understood and their physical and mental needs are adequately met.

Not only is early training for these very bright and strong-willed dogs essential, they say, but the need to convey effective but never aggres-

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best family pet potential are likely to have been raised in a domestic environment where there was plenty of socialisation with other people, children and dogs. The dog's parents should have neither nervous nor aggressive temperaments.

Jennie doesn't think collies suit families with children under five

The image of the loyal, hard-working collie is being destroyed by unsuitable owners, say two experts

years of age. "All the screaming and running around can provoke an over-excited pursuit by the dog." Also unsuitable is a home where

dog is likely to be left on its own for more than four hours.

The next couple of months, Christmas apart, are her busiest: "All the people who have bought collie pups off farms on holiday start to get bored with them or decided they're too much to cope with. But they won't say that. They'll say maybe the child has got eczema or asthma and is allergic. Or they can't afford it. Or they're emigrating - tomor-

row. That's always a good one."

Often, when it comes to collecting collies, says Jenny, "you can feel the IQ is on the wrong end of the lead". But there will always be others who will appreciate what they are acquiring: "I've had dogs come to us off farms who've had absolutely nothing in their lives, and gone on to make loving family pets. I've had dogs out of the gutter go on to become top sniffer experts. When that sort of thing happens it makes you feel good — like what you're doing is ultimately worthwhile."

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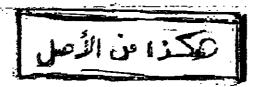
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Holidaying with my parents has made me into the disruptive adolescent that I may possibly have been last time we were all together

h dear, oh dear, sitting here under the brilliant, enamel blue Devon sky, within sight of the ultramarine Devon sea, the waves break-

ing in the distance and the sun beating down nicely, I wonder what on earth possessed me to think that a family holiday would be a good idea.

My sister, I know, would have comselled urgently against it, if only I had consulted her. Which I did not, on account of the fact that we have hardly spoken since the last family holiday. spoken since the last family holiday, some 20 years ago. On that occasion, she took it into her head to wedge open the window of our shared hotel room with my copy of The Anatomy of Melancholy. which was then rendered unreadable by a sudden shower during supper. Criminal negligence, said L Act of God, said she. We did not, I think, actually come to blows, but the incident left both of us with a pronounced aversion to Spending

Time With Our Family —until now.
Still, I cannot say I was not warned.
On the morning I was to set off for the West Country, my son's godmother telephoned so early that I thought it must be the police, ringing with news of a Tragic Incident. "I wanted to catch you I might sulk for ever. So there

before you left," she said. An awkward pause. Then: "You know, if you find you need some time to yourself, there is always our conage. It's quite close. You could pop over and see your parents and

Alexander every day, if you wanted."
"What a kind thought," I said, laughing dismissively. But I'm sure it won't be necessary. Alexander adores his grandparents. It is be lovely, you'll see."

Hmm." said my son's godmother,
who knows me better than I do myself.

"Here's the caretaker's number, just in case."

In the five years since we have been taking holidays together, my son has proved an ideal travelling companion. Unlike the various adults who have from time to time joined us on vacation, he is not subject to ear sickness, sun stroke, mood swings, irrational fear of wasps or a tiresome obsession with culture. Still, brilliandy successful as our joint excursions have been until now, the motto of the Shilling family has always been

"you're not here to Blood will out, you

know, and I suppose I must have felt it was time for Alexander to experience for himself some of the things that have left my sister and myself with such indelible memories of our childhood holidays the thunderous

rows, the impene-

trable sulks, the Bor-

gia-like shifting of inter-family alliances. Rather less altruistically, it had occurred to me that while Alexander's attention was occupied by his grandparents, whose tolerance for reading aloud from the vapid adventures

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have since had no opportunity to finish. The one thing I had not realised when, months ago, I set in motion the plans for what struck me as a masteroiece of enlightened selfinterest, is that the relationship between your parents and your child is nature's ingenious method of punishing you for your own failures as

a parent and deficiencies as a child. Left to ourselves, my son and I are accus-tomed to regard me as a very considerable figure - an authority on all sorts of things, from the wo kings of the solar of Thomas The Tank Engine lar exceeds system ("so the Sun goes round the my own. I might get on with the novel by Nicholas Mosley which I began in the carried by Scott of the Antarctic on his

famous expedition ("lots and lots of lovely fruit and hardly any sweeties at all and he always are up the yellow bits of his

eggs").
However, my parents for grandma and grandpa, as these days I seem to call them) appear oddly disposed to treat me as the feckless and disruptive adolescent that I may possibly have been last time we were all on holiday together. What they do not seem to realise is that, in the course of the ensuing two decades. I have turned into a grown-up, just like them.

row, it is true that the manner of my arrival at the cottage may have been less than ideal — what with my parents being such demons for a nice early night and my departure from London having been unavoidably delayed until gone tea-time by a long lunch and an animated discussion of the England collapse at Headingley. I can see that being woken at midnight by the sound of me pounding irritably on the come out ever again. So there.

door may have been the cause of some

And probably my greeting should have included some kind of apology rather than a bitter complaint about the mud on the black satin ballet shoes I had bought that morning in a sale.

It was also jolly unlucky that, just as the whole house had settled back to sleep, it should have been woken again by the Devon police asking, very courteously, if I would kindly move my car which I had somehow parked so that it was blocking emergency access to the entire valley.

But this is the kind of unfortunate combination of circumstances that could befall absolutely anybody, and I feel very strongly that the words "dizzy" and completely hopeless" were quite inappropriate in the context. So inappropriate, in fact, that I am now going to my room to play my Leonard Cohen tapes really, really loudly. And I think I shall slam the door once or twice as well, just to show the extent of my displeasure. I am not coming out until tea-time, you know. Or maybe even supper-time. In fact, if I hear Alexander say "silly mummy" once more, I might even not

Bring back the school nit-picker

The return of an old problem has everybody scratching

their heads

estminster is a strange conspiracy. An MP can be the most publicised figure in the land, loved or loathed by millions, but once past the policemen guarding the heavy swing doors that admit to the Commons, no special need is paid to members as they queue indifferently for cups of tea or

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Except this week: when I have noticed MPs, new and old, Labour and Tory, doing a slight swerve or keeping a little distance from me as I bustled about my business. Was it something I had done?

My speeches so far this parliament have been on issues like helping exports, freedom of information and international economics. They were made to a largely empty chamber leaving the hallon

My only mentions in the national press were to do with plutonium flights over myconstituency and my opposition to the BBC's attempts to dumb down Radio 4 by messing about with Yesterday in Parliament.

I wear no after-shave and although Matthew Parris, every MP's compulsive read, has commented more than once on my lack of colour co-ordination, my suits, sharts and ties are conventional. So why were my colleagues taking care to avoid me?

The answer is that I mentioned the word "nits" in Parliament. "A louse in the locks of literature" was one 19th-century insult exchanged between writers and to raise the subject of head lice in the Commons was to shake the sensibility of Honourable Members to the core.

in an anodyne exchange with Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, about the need for better medical education in schools, I mentioned that the country has suffered from a plague of head lice and nits in recent months.

Both Frank and I are, in the popular cliché, follicty chal-lenged, and in my case the attentions of the excellent Commons' barber, Mr Stephen Silverne, have ensured that there is very little hair on my head for any louse to nestle in But I have watched with irritation as my daughters have returned home month after month infested with nits.



Inner city schools have been plagued by an infestation of head lice which struck in winter and has carried on into the summer months

Their primary school in inner London is excellent, with a dynamic head whose leadership in setting academic standards and pastoral care cannot be faulted. But he also has been driven mad by a plague of nits which arrived in mid-winter and has carried on until the summer holidays.

I have come home to see the girls sitting with greasy muck on their hair and a towel around their shoulders as my wife grimly combs through their hair searching for the tiny white eggs. Both she and I have shampooed our own hair with anti-nit shampoo.

Yet within a week or two the girls - one nine, one seven would start scratching again. Gently they examined each other's heads searching for the nits and they settled down to the shampoo routine almost

on a weekly basis. I talked to the head, who told me that cuts in funding had made it difficult to get a school nurse who could act as a nit hunter and identify the child or children whose parents were ignoring the letters sent by the head telling us to inspect our children's hair and

not allow children to come to

school if they had nits or lice.

wife is part-French and conchemicals used in the English nit shampoo were not up to the job, compared with the fullchemical warfare parents let loose upon head lice across the Channel.

But as I talked with friends who had children I found that was not simply the MacShane family or one London school that was infected. In my constituency in South Yorkshire I noticed the increasing number of school-boys who affected an almost shaven head, which is a brutal response to the nits question.

Conservative MPs who send their children to private schools told me the problem was far worse there, so the presence of matrons and the payment of large cheques does not solve the problem.

British parents now work the longest hours in the modern world, so perhaps they don't have time to read and implement the instructions in the lice letters from schools. But as the reaction of my

fellow MPs showed, the very mention of lice and nits provokes a reflex shudder of disgust. How may parents have simply ignored the requests to inspect children's hair and spend the tedious time shampooing and using a fine tooth comb inch by inch? In his reply to me, Frank Dobson called for a return of the "nit-nurse" to schools and as I sat down a number of MPs said to me: "Well done. It's a real problem and a good

job you raised it." Up to a point, I still think what I have to say on the world economy is more important but if, from time to time, an MP can raise an issue that is actually causing people up and down the country, of all classes, to scratch their heads, then I suppose we earn our

DENIS MACSHANE Denis MacShane is MP for Rotherham and has four children

TREATING LICE

ALTHOUGH head lice know no class barriers, they are more likely to be found in the hair of old-style socialists than in that of the new Labour, Conservative or traditional trade unionists.

Any preference exhibited by the lice for one political group or another is not related to the victim's home conditions, nor does it imply any lack of cleanliness in the communal brush in the working-men's club cloakroom. but is related to differing hairstyles.

The wild, Byranic locks and beards of the traditional left-wing provide a better haven for lice than does hair which has been clipped and regularly washed by Trumpers of Curzon Street. The shorter the hair, the easier it is to comb efficiently, whereas once the nits of lice are attached to matted hair, they can defy every effort to comb them out. In some areas, infestations have increased from 5 per cent to 15 per cent in the past year and the number of prescriptions quadrupled between 1991 and 1996.

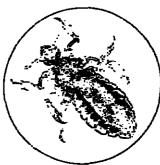
WHEN lice are established, it is necessary to use one of the pesticides, and most local authorities operate a rotating policy so as to prevent the insects becoming resistant to a particular lotion or shampoo. Lindane, which was once the preparation of choice, is now rarely used, because of the emergence of widespread resistance to it by lice. and because there is a fear that it may cause side effects. Malathion and Carbaryl are now the chosen insecticides.

Two other chemicals, Promethrin and Phenothrin, are often recommended, although lice develop some resistance to both. Lotions are preferred to shampoos, because shampoos are not on the hair long enough to be effective. The lotion is applied to dry hair, rubbed into the scalp, allowed to dry, combed out, and then, 12 hours later, the hair is washed and vigorously combed when dry.

Short hair, regularly brushed and constantly combed, should realise that the communal brush and comb are as likely to carry nits in the Houses of Parliament or Reform Club as they are in the most rundown inner-city school.

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The head louse glues its eggs to the shafts of hairs and only thorough combing and strong pesticides will remove them. Doctors' prescriptions against lice have quadrupled in the past years



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lovely, the Queen Mother was there

last year. This beautiful, small 12th-

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Rev Bruce Hawkins: benevolent

century church is still used for a weekday service, and for candle-lit

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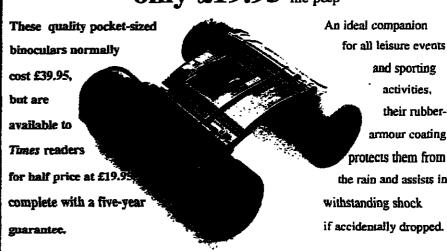
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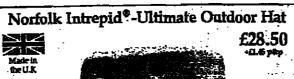
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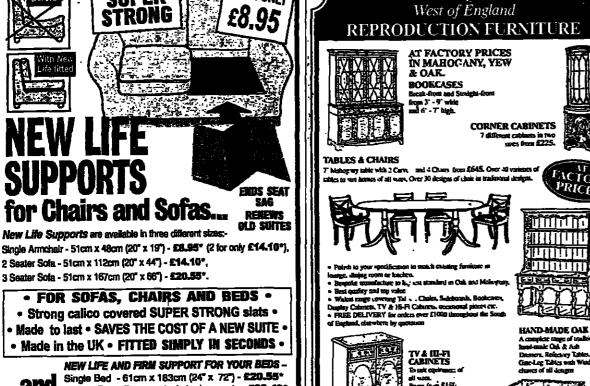


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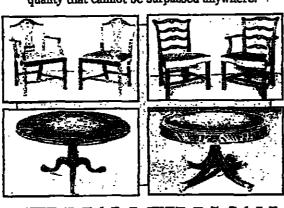
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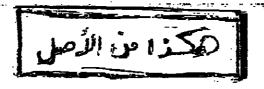
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Carmaking simply isn't British

An official Nissan for Tony Blair might cause outrage, but 'Made in the UK' no longer means anything because the real owners are foreign, says Kevin Eason



Kemp: Japanese carmakers have made his constituency boom

Toyota,

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would veer between the impractical and the ostentatious. Tony Blair would have to be pictured leaving Downing Street in a two-seater Morgan — hardly. the practical choice of a Prime Minister — or £135,000 worth of Rolls-Royce Silver Spur, not quite the image new Labour is trying to

But what if the official car waiting outside the ministerial gates was a Nissan of a Toyota? For ministers are ready to bow to a campaign to put Japanese marques on their official fleet for the first time. The decision will

among the motoring xe-nophobes who will insist that a nation should ments by using official cars which bear only British names. Fine ... except that there are no UK-owned mass manu-

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Fraser Kemp is telling the xenophobes that everything a Rover can a Nissan can Putting Japanese marques on to the govern-ment car fleet is merely a sad recognition that: the nation no longer has a truly

Kemp, new MP for Houghton and Washington East, says: The British choice comes down to sports cars or models which are so luxurious there is not much chance of using them as daily transport on the government car fleet. Tony Blair could drive a Morgan, but it

seems unlikely." With Nissan's huge car plant in his north-eastern constituency. Kemp says it is time for Britain to recognise that the traditional names have been joined by Japanese newcomers with as much right to be described as domestic

Toyota, Honda and Nissan will be making close to half of all the cars produced in this country by the turn of the century - around 800,000 - employing tens of thousands of workers in their factories and associated suppliers. They buy hundreds of millions of pounds worth of components here and employ thousands more in showrooms and workshops.

Nissan has invested around £1.5 billion in this country and next year could make up to 300,000 cars at Rover 800, designed in partnership made in Britain.

NO NONSENSE VEHICLES

nation's third biggest carmaker, manufacturing almost as many cars as Ford at Halewood on Merseyside and Dagenham in

There is a huge difference in perception in British minds beween Nissan and a company such as Ford though. Ford started manufacturing here in 1911 and undoubtedly claims a place in British history built up over the decades which brought us the Anglia, Cortina, Consul, Escort and Sierra.

But national affections have no place in worldwide mo British factories are just in Timbuktu if the States decide they have to make cuts. The special hands across the sea relationship lasts only as long as the books balance, as workout this year when they were told they would not be making the new the plant's mainstay model and a car regard-

ed as so utterly British that it seems unimaginable it should come from abroad. But in Ford's range, only the Escort and Fiesta are currently made here: the Scorpio, Mondeo, Maverick. Probe, Ka and new Puma are all

lair's family transport is a because it carries the traditional blue oval badge there has been barely a whisper of discontent over the Prime Minister driving a foreign-made vehicle. Imagine the outraged spluttering over the sherry in the Home Counties if the Blairs had decided they would prefer to take the children to school in a Mercedes M-class. Yet the origins of the Galaxy and the Mercedes are effectively the same designed abroad, made abroad by workers abroad - and with the profits ultimately going abroad.

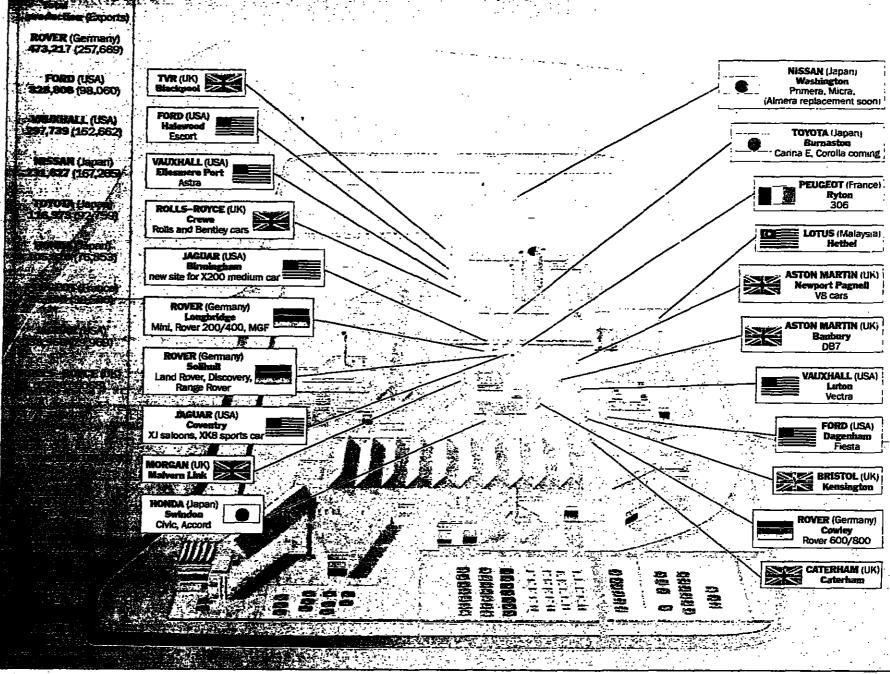
Sovereign, made in Coventry but trolled directly by Ford from Dearborn in the US. Ministers travel by

s a gesture of support for Washington — ready to take the the British car industry, it position from Vanchall as the

as volnerable as a plant bosses in the United ers at Halewood found Escort, the successor to

Galaxy people mover designed in Germany and made in Spain, but

Blair's official car is a Jaguar by a company owned and con-



WHO MAKES BRITAIN'S CARS

with Honda but manufactured at Cowley, near Oxford, by Rover, owned by BMW of Germany. The world belongs to the multi-nationals and there is no use pretending that the badge means much any more once the boardroom doors shut and the accountants weave their intricate web around the factories and showrooms which

employ 1 million people in Britain.

Jaguar executives had to prove to a boardroom of Americans that UK workers were worthy of building its new mid-range car, the muchvaunted successor to the famous MkII series, in Coventry and Birmingham. If they had failed, Big Cats would have been made in the United States.

Last week, BMW board mem-bers in Munich told Rover workers at Longbridge in Birmingham they would be allowed to manufacture the next generation of the Mini they are the workers who have made more than 5 million Minis over four decades.

Meanwhile, Kemp's constituency is enjoying levels of prosperity and employment not seen since the days when Britain was the world's shipbuilder and steelmaker, only now the area is Europe's fastestgrowing motor manufacturing re-gion. He looks around the neat housing estates and thriving shopping centres and understands the contribution Japanese carmakers are making and next week, he will join in the boom and take delivery of his new Nissan Primera 1.6 -

Who's next for the buy-out?

THEY have gone one after the other, like a bargain boot sale of all that is best in British industry. The question is which one will be next at the top of an in-tray in the acquisitions office of a company in

Detroit, Munich or Tokyo. Finding an independent British carmaker is tougher than finding an Englishman in the Premier League. They exist, but as little against the backdrop of a massive operation churning out more than l million cars every year.

Rolls-Royce is the biggest inde-pendent, owned by the defence conglomerate Vickers, but for how much longer? The company is using BMW-designed engines for its next generation cars and, in spite of denials, it seems destiny that Rolls will join Rover as the prestige arm of the Munich carmaker. Lotus foundered, just as it launched the Elise, its most successful car, and is now owned by Proton of Malaysia.

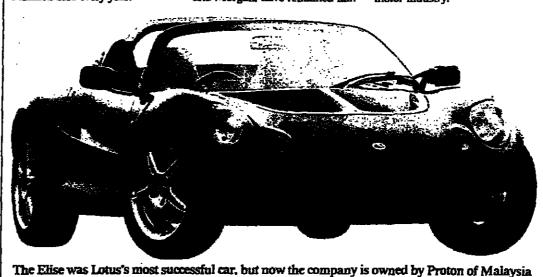
Other minnows, such as TVR and Morgan, have remained fam-

their charm lies in their independence and quirky character. There are dozens more companies like them but too small to mention, from kit car manufacturers to Bristol, a venerable name but now little more than a curiosity on the motoring map on which names appear and disappear as the decades pass, unable to grow from idea to mass manufacturer under the buffeting from the multibillion pound world of the modern motor industry.



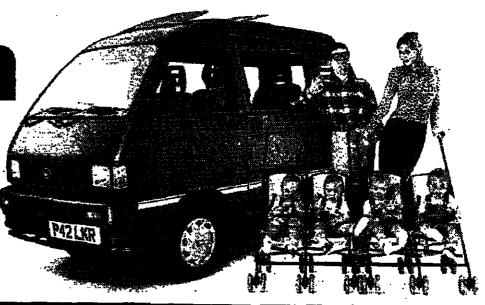
BRITAIN'S bikers are the fastest-growing army on the roads. To celebrate the fun of life on two wheels, CAR 97 this week begins a summer special of features and competitions. August will be biking month in The Times, starting

with this weekend's World Superbike Championships at Brands Hatch, where spectators will include more than 200 readers of CAR 97 as well as Richard Humbert of London who is enjoying a day at the races as our special guest. There is more to come, with scooters - which are rapidly becoming the commuter's favourite transport - and the latest superbike to win over the next few weeks. Start our summer special of biking



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Wrong turning to tomorrow's roads

governments are cynical, it arrived with the outcome of the review of the road building programme. A brilliant front page cartoon in The Times showed Swampy digging his way into a Job Centre, but I suspect there will be more tunnels to excavate and more trees to climb before this little maner is resolved.

Labour has talked grandly of developing an integrated transport policy, but this week's announcement proves it has done no such thing. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, is more evident in this exercise than any other minister. The conclusion that road programmes have been judged on the basis of cost is irresistible.

Some effects of Labour's decisions are shocking. There are heaven knows how many perfectly

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard

good homes along the A40 in west London which have been blighted for years by the prospect of a road widening programme now cancelled. The Government refuses to say how much has been spent on compulsory purchase of them.

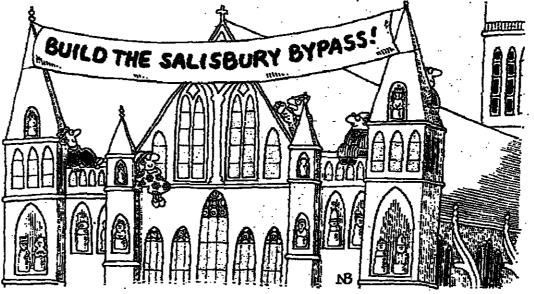
said that the A40 scheme had been scrapped because it would have "encouraged commuting". Anyone who has travelled the route knows what nonsense this is. The A40 needs widening to cope with existing traffic, not some future estimate of demand.

The A40 example illustrates

perfectly the muddle the Government is in. Everyone now agrees that predicting future demand then providing the roads to meet it is no longer any good. The car market grows to anticipate an increase in the amount of road space; new roads are out of date by the time they open.

But the A40 and another can-

celled scheme, the Salisbury bypass, are not in that category. They were designed to deal with prob-



the Deputy Prime Minister with overall responsibility for transport, knows this. Prescott may have a lots of titles, but Brown's reasury has lots of clout.

Thus the Birmingham northern relief road now gets the enthusiastic endorsement of the very Labour politicians who swore before the election that they would not build

the privately-financed toll road will cost the Government nothing to build but would have cost £30 million to cancel may have something to do with it.

Are you planning to visit Salisbury soon? Take plenty of iron rations. Thanks in part to a crazy decision to build out of town shop-

ping centres too near the centre, traversing Salisbury by car is now a bump-and-grind crawl. The Salisbury scheme's cancellation is a triumph for an emotional con trick perpetrated by the environmental lobby, using Con-stable's painting, "Salisbury Ca-

thedral from the Meadows, as

part of their campaign. The mead-

ows in the painting would not have been affected by the road scheme, but who cares about facts? And who cares about people?

The citizens of Salisbury choke on diesel fumes daily, which is why they wanted the road, but apparently the carnation sedge and the marsh marigold - types of gress, since you ask - are more important than human health. Unless of course you think that the Government was even more interested in saving £76 million.

The most damning commentary on this half-baked political sleight of hand came in a television interview soon after the cuts were announced. No doubt Newsnight hoped for a ding-dong between Steve Norris, former roads minister and now head of the Road Haulage Association, and a repre-sentative of Friends of the Earth.

Not a bit of it. Both were happy to agree that building more roads is not the answer to our transport problems. Both accepted that it would be wonderful if freight moved from road to rail. But both also asked the same question: if roads are not the answer, what is?

There is to be a White Paper on transport next spring. Perhaps that will contain the answer. But I am not very hopeful.

Driving is sexy, but making cars is a turn-off

Leading-edge technology in space age factories can't attract recruits, says Vaughan Freeman

poor relations in the job recruitment league as thousands search industry for their careers this summer. While around the bloc become Jawyers, doctors and City brokers, school-leavers and university graduates glaze over when the chance of a career in the automotive industry is offered.

Yet British designers are rated among the best in the world and have created a niche which should encourage youngsters to move into design and engineering.

Such are the skills of UK designers that John Barnard was chief designer for Ferrari's Formula One team. while Ken Greenley was headhunted by Ssanyong of South Korea to design its new Musso 4x4 vehicle. The industry is the single biggest manufacturing and retailing operator in Britain, employing 1 million people and using leading edge technology in space-age factories.

Yet Walter Hasselkus, Rover's chairman. says: "When it comes to manufacturing engineering, the British are not convinced, or as dedicated to it, as young people are in Germany, especially in the universities. In Britain, parents planning a career for their children think first of the professions - becoming a lawyer or a doctor or whatever - and becoming an engineer is an option that is way, way down. In Germany it would be inconceivable for a lawver to be considered above a member of the BMW board."

Daewoo's technical centre in Worthing. West Sussex, is the firm's biggest outside Korea, with a workforce approaching 1,100 and the South Korean company spending E15 million a year at the site on new equipment and facilities to go alongside computer systems and car test rigs already there that are among the

world's most advanced. Finding recruits of the right calibre is proving a maior headache for Jim Mason, Daewoo's engineering managing director. He says: The aero industry is seen as sexy, but the motor industry just is not. We have got to change that. Engineers themselves have to earn the kind of respect that, for instance, doctors have in our society and we have to encourage engineers to become far more inter-

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"The car is extremely complex to build and is a very clever machine. Yet all too often, because it is seen as a kids at school they don't see it as a high-tech business. But when you bring people here to our technical centre, they are amazed at the work and diversity of work that we do. They have no idea just what goes into designing and creating a car."

To help bridge the gap, Daewoo is working on plans to sponsor college students as well as whole university departments in an effort to extend its research and development capabili-

ason adds: "We want to do projects, for examon how people bend their bodies, knees and elbows, getting in and out of cars, as well as into the properties of different construction materials and how they can be manufactured for volume car production."

That sounds mundane work but is the sort of technical conundrum engineers and designers have to beat to produce the best cars even before they work on engines, body shape and the gizmos which make our daily lives easier. If those clever engineers are not there, Britain will lose out in the technological race.

But, at least Mason is doing his bit: both his sons have followed his example and now work as engineers.







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Ssanyong of South Korea head-hunted Ken Greenley to design its Musso 4x4

MINI CREATOR SIR ALEC ISSIGONIS

NEWS IN BRIEF

■ WOMEN can't park — according to Velo, the fleet management company based It checked 30,000 accident claims and discovered the cost of the dings and dents suffered by women company car drivers was less than for men, at £559 compared with £561. But that is because women like hitting "fixed objects" which is cheaper. Hitting things which don't move around much. like lamp-posts and parked cars, accounted for 17.1 per cent of claims involving women, but the figure for men was 13.6 per cent. Women were most likely to be to blame for their prang though, while men seem to like the challenge of whacking things when they are moving or simply losing control and leaving the road.

ASTON Martin has enlisted Cosworth Engineering to develop a range of engines for cars in the next century. Bob Dover, who left Jaguar to become Aston's new chairman, wants the Northampton-based company to use its Formula One knowledge to design a new power plant.

■ THE 9-5 model range from Saab will start at £21,995 on sale here in October. The car comes with a choice of a 2-litre 150bhp engine, turbo-charged 170bhp 2.3-litre or the Britishbuilt 200bhp 3-litre V6 Ecopower. Standard equipment will include twin and side airbags, CD player and chilled glove box.

■ DIESEL could be 60 per cent more economical, according to Diesel Car & 4x4 magazine which ran a L6 petrol-powered Passat for 760.6 miles on a full tank - a return of 49.97 miles to the gallon. A L9-litre diesel version achieved 1,205.5 miles, equivalent to 79,45mpg.

■ WE SAID this would happen, but Ford wouldn't listen. Remember when Ford launched the Ka, nobody knew how to pronounce it - even the bosses couldn't agree. Apparently, some dealers have given up in the confusion over being asked about the Ka and the car, so they are telling owners to ask about their K.A. - pronounced Kay Ay. Ford should stick to Anglia and

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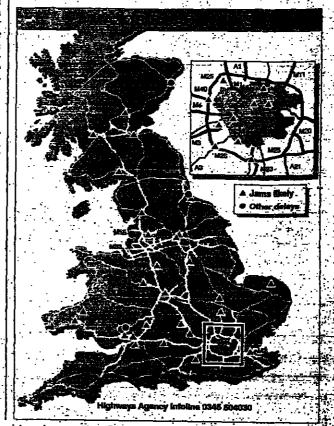
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BRITAIN'S LATEST PERSONAL TRANSPORT PASSION

Two wheels come full circle



for the sake of fashion, but because they could barely scrape the money together for a vehicle with four wheels, but motorists are now deserting their hatch-backs and saloons for scooters and motoreycles that can beat the traffic and also offer the most fun you can have

wearing leather.

Now CAR 97 is joining the summer fun in a month of motorcycling in The

Motorcycles and scooters are back. Kevin Eason looks ahead at the glittering prizes you can win

next week for details of a competition to win the latest Piaggio scooters - and then there is a chance to win the most exciting BMW motorcycle for years. The bike is so secret that we cannot give details until our competition is launched soon, but this German speed-ster is the most desirable set of wheels in

Britain - and it really is the only one in this country at the moment.

Our biking special reflects the resur-

seemed to have all but died out at one time but for the enthusiasts. As the cost of owning a car dropped dramatically. the motorcycle went out of fashion and the famous names disappeared from our streets one by one: Norton, Triumph, Vespa, Lambretta, BSA and many more.

However, the realisation that motorcycles offer one of the quickest, cheapest and most environmentally-friendly

of bikers. Sales of two-wheelers have jumped 35 per cent this year on top of last year's rapid growth. In June traditionally a quiet month for the motor industry - sales were still up almost 40 per cent while demand for scooters soared by 61 per cent.

Stands at the industry's annual exhibition, the Motor Cycle Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham in November are already sold out with 50 firms on the waiting list as huge

crowds are anticipated.

And there will be thousands at the World Superbike Championships this

racing anywhere in the world.

The vast array of new models means there is a two-wheeler to suit every size. shape and sex: models start with fully automatic 50cc scooters and rise to snorting monsters with power packs as big as a car engine. And the key figure in the trade - chairman of the Motor Cycle Industry Association - is Monica Dickman, a confirmed biker who is campaigning for more women to enjoy the freedom of two wheels.

So spend August in the company of CAR 97 finding out why Britain has gone bike-crazy - and take the chance to win some fabulous prizes.



Scott Smart in action: with Paul for a father and Barry Sheene for an uncle, motorcycling came naturally to him. Tomorrow his machine will have a sign on the back — "My Dad's Faster Than Your Dad"

nyone who even pretends to know bike history would put a finger on it straight away. The day a struggling English rider on an unproven machine built by a small Italian manufacturer took on the world "heavies" and helped to create a modern legend. It was the stuff of dreams and 25 years later it still makes a good yarn.

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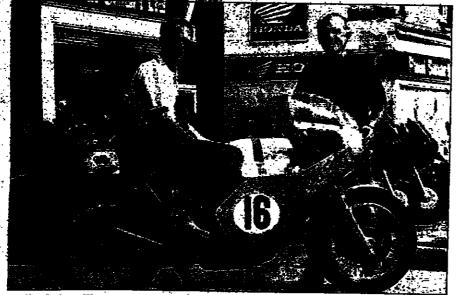
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And an even better yarn when man and bike are about to make a celebrity appearance at a top meeting where the rider's sm astride a modern descendant of the machine his father rode - is one of the stars in a supporting race at tomorrow's World Superbike Championship.

First back to 1972 when a 30-year-old professional rider called Paul Smart was based in California and competing in US races for Kawasaki. One spring day while he was away competing, his wife Maggie took a call from Ducati, then a respected innovator but a minor player on the competition scene in Europe. Ducati needed a second rider to pair with regular works ace, Bruno Spaggiari. Maggie asked what the job was

worth, liked what she heard and found that the dates did not clash with a Kawasaki commitment. Unable to confer with Paul, she committed him to appear for the Italian firm at the inaugural Imola 200 race for 750cc bikes.

"She rang me and said -- get on a plane for Italy because you're testing and racing at Imola next weekend," says Paul. "I'm not, I said. You are, she said. Get down there. Then she told me about how much and things were so tight



Like father, like son: Scott, left, poses with Paul and shows a poster commemorating the Imola 200 race in which his father made the unknown Ducati a contender money-wise that even the start money made sense. I knew I was a

long way down the pecking order. It turned out they had asked other people - including Maggie's brother. Barry Sheene. But I went. Maggie stayed behind — we couldn't afford her fare as well." Paul knew why big names had declined the ride. This was to be the

first hig-time outing for Ducati and its new 750 V-twin, which could rev to 9,200rpm. "From the very first moment, I realised the bike was stumningly good - too good for the Dunlop road tyres they had fitted because it was a 200-mile race. We changed to racing tyres and the bike felt little better and I was still

unhappy. But when I got back to the pits, the team was jumping up and down because I had broken the lap record without realising it.

For a while, Bruno and I fol-

lowed Agostini on the MV-Agusta but that was a punishing machine and he got slower and slower and we waited and then overtook. I led. Towards the end, Bruno went for an all-Italian victory but ran wide and went grass-cutting. We still got

magic name. Rescued from the showroom of his bike dealership in

track as the 200,000-strong crowd went wild for mementos, the two riders faced six hours of non-stop adulation, paraded around Bologna in a glass-sided truck.

t was like being the Pope," says Paul. "They gave me millions of lire — I still don't know exactly what it came to in pounds. But Bruno and I agreed that if we got the one-two, we would

Paddock Wood, Kent Tomorrow it roars again at Brands Hatch as Paul, now 55, does a couple of demonstration laps — "slow ones because I'm afraid of hurting myself at my age" — before his 22-year-old son, Scott, competes for the Team Alstare Corona Extra on his Ducati 748 in a round of the

World SuperSport championship. With his father and uncle, Barry Sheene, it would have been strange if young Scott had been disinclined to ride bikes. He was second in the British 250 championships and Motorcycle News Young Rider of the Year in 1996. He has won four rounds to lead the 250 championship by 26 points this year and hopes his outing for Ducati tomorrow will help his quest for a sponsor and a regular team place in one of next year's world championships.

DUCATI 750

For tomorrow's event, Scott's bike appears in the original Imola green and silver paint and he wears period-style black leathers in recognition of that magic day 25 years ago when his father and Ducati made their spectacular entry into the top echelons of the sport.

There is however an extra item of livery on Scott's machine - a small sticker on the rear, addressed to whoever is following him closely round Brands. It reads: "My Dad's Faster Than Your Dad."



Foulston: into £10m profit

Brands leader

NICOLA Foulston is turning her place over to thousands of bike fans at the weekend - and she might even pull a few pints, is brands Haich venue for the Superbike championships, writes Helen Mound.

The 29-year-old chief executive of Brands Hatch Leisure is well acquainted with the sound and fury of motorcycles, though she has no desire to take to the track. Her mission is to get more

spectators through the gates and more people involved in motorsport. It is tricky for most fans, no matter how enthusiastic, to "have a go" at the sport they enjoy unless they can afford the car, mechanics and paraphernalia of racing.

"Racing is expensive and inaccessible to the public, which is why it's a minority live sport," she says. It's not like football where the fans can just buy a football and have a go. Organisers are afraid it won't be taken seriously if they make it fun but serious things are rarely popular."

When Nicola took over the business in 1989, it was losing £300,000. Yet her ideas caused uproar. Suggesting Brands Hatch was a business that should make money and not a museum enthusiasts had a right to visit for free won her few friends. But profits last year were more than £10 million, testimony to Nicola's efforts starting activity days and corpo-

rate hospitality.

As a child, weekends were for watching racing with her father, John Foulston. His interest in the sport and sudden death in a racing accident led to her being thrown in at the deep end at Brands Hatch. Foulston had built up a £40 million computer company when he bought Brands and three other racing circuits in 1986.

Now Nicola is a hands-on boss packed with ideas - and always willing to learn the hard way even if it means getting her hands dirty. Nicola not only encourages her 140 workers to work in other areas of the firm, she sometimes sells tickets on the gate or even works behind the bar - which is where bikers might spot her in between the action this weekend.

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the one two." divide the money equally no matter The race speed over 200 miles had been an astonishing 97.7mph which order we finished in. And Ducati were so pleased that they with laps of over just 100mph gave me the winning bike." recorded by Smart, Spaggiari, and Since Paul's Imola triumph, the Agostini. Ducati was suddenly a bike has been on display in the

t might look like a pizza delivery bike, but this silent L runner could be a commuter's dream machine. Sol is the world's

first solar scooter. But Pablo Chappell, a Kentbased engineering design graduate, says the motor industry isn't ready for his innovative design: "People are quite ignorant about solar power. It will be a long time before it's commonly accepted."

Sol cost £5,000 over four months to build and has a range of 25 nules and top speed of 30mph, Its 12-volt (recyclable) battery takes its charge from solar panels over the rear wheel. An hour of sun provides and the bodywork is finished in Pablo remains a lone rider in the sun

vivid yellow. Pablo admits his scooter was expensive but insists. the electric motor does away with many expensive parts required by a petrol engine, and mass production would cut costs to much the same as ordinary scooters.

"There's no gearbox, carbu-reitors or clutch and the price of panels and batteries is constantly coming down." he explains. And whatever extra you spend on the purchase price would be saved on

Helen Mound meets the solar power scooterist seeking a sponsor

His scooter at least proves that practical, economical and environmentally-friendly city transport is a possibility and could become an more than that on a scooter in alternative to fossil fuel, polluting cars. So why hasn't some environcars. So why hasn't some environ-mentally-conscious bikemaker for 10 miles. And if you left the power for one mile. The panels are disguised as a stylish rear spoiler or fuel and servicing is negligible. because the silent design doesn't

ing the concept after getting the idea working in Los Milinos, a since when was it cool to care about the environment? Or is Sol's about the environment? Or is Sol's limited range a problem?

"It can only manage 25 miles each trip, but few people travel town. So if you travelled to work. scooter outside while you did an eight-hour day in the office, when Pablo spent 18 months develop- have the street-cred of the noisy you leave you'll have 18 miles in

the batteries. Overnight it can be charged by electric lights, but that's not as effective as sunlight." An alternative to the hefty leadacid battery for solar (and electric) cars has so far eluded scientists and until they crack the problem, Sol is likely to remain confined to

short trips around Pablo's home village West Malling in Kent. Shame though: just think how quiet cities would be with silent scooters on the road.



Pablo and Sol: "People are quite ignorant about solar power"

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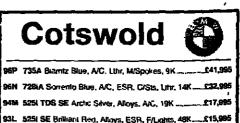
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Demand for the Mercedes off-roader means you could pay a fortune over list price, but Helen Mound has doubts about it

Join the queue, but is it really worth waiting?

hey have been sleeping in the streets and jamming telephone switchboards because places on this waiting list are hotter than fickets for an Oasis farewell gig. If there is a queue, it must be for a

Mercedes because this is the company that builds cars you simply cannot buy. The M-class joins the long list of models which will take years to get hold of, unless you either had the foresight to get on to the waiting list early or can afford to pay thousands of pounds over list price for the car of your dreams.

For Mercedes-Benz is sold out. A company spokes-man says: You-could probably get your hands on a Cclass if you weren't too fussy about the engine and colour. But otherwise all the cars have wait-

ing lists." More than 4,500 potential UK buyers have registered their interest in the M-class even though the offroader is not on sale here until autumn and the first deliv-

club with 32,000 other people which means the waiting list could be two year's long at launch next

The SLK sports car is four years away unless you pay a premium for a private sale. The night before me a private sale. The night before me CLK coupé went on sale to émploy loosa workers already know may see in Germany, many slept out are building a winner for the new side dealerships. By 10 and new German off-roader from the US is morning, the 1997 order book was combotable, impressive, refined and frankly, slightly orders could be taken for the car this century. For ordinary buyers the CLK is 18 months away. SL, atleast a year; E-class V6 models, 18 about the top spec model. There are months; S-class 3.2/4.2 innousines. no dual heater/air conditioning-

Tom Hartley, the motor trade's ing doors, rain-sensitive automatic entrepreneurial specialist in sup-plying the unsupplyable, has sold 120 SLKs — 10 per cent of Mer-cedes-Benz UK's total sales this vear - to customers willing to pay the extra £7,000 to jump the queue.

In its first week on sale, he supplied 15 CLK coupes at a £10,000 premium and expects A-class and Mclass to ungover hundreds more customers desperate for their car

with a three-pointed star.

We're getting calls daily from people who want an A-class in the spring and don't want to be left on a

waiting list," he says.

Mclass joins this torrent of demand for a brand which was always acknowledged as excellent but terminally dull. Exciting designs have changed all that and Mercedes's new factory in Alabama is по more likely to cope than

other models. Production at the

Tuscaloosa plant will be 270-a-day

to satisfy demand, but America will be supplied first — and even the Tuscaloosa workers will get their

chance to buy the car they build.

While British-drivers wait to see

will notice the lack of prestige,

gadgetry and stinking-richness

controls, double glazing, self-clos-

wipers, automatic boot release on

the key fob, volume sensitive stereo,

rear electric seats . . . need I go on?

the marque's other top models. But

because most of these cars will be

These luxury features are in all

bought by Americans, who apparently think remote central locking an outrageous luxury, Mercedes has decided to be stingy with all of us. But such features become important if the M-class is to succeed in knocking the prestige 4x4 crown off the Range Rover. The 5.5-litre V8 AMG M-class with sive bodywork, rumoured for 1999, would be ideal in Europe. but supplies will be even smaller. Styling is also lacklustre: nothing about the interior says you are

driving a funky new Mercedes offroader - but then little on the outside makes such a statement shapely headlamps and tail lights save

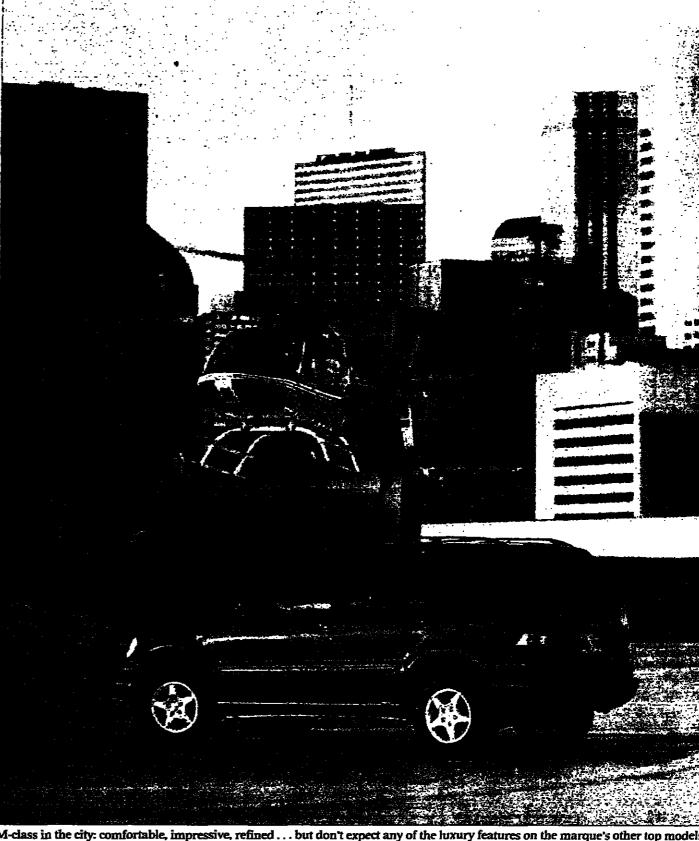
it from being an also-ran. Like or loathe the styling, there is a saving grace how-ever: this Mercedes is probably better than a Range Rover to drive. The company has found the most agreeable compromise beroad driving. Gone is the vague steer-

ing and wallowy roaders, which are often set-up for a muddy field at the expense of the ride on Tarmac. Yet take it off-road and the M-class clambers with the agility of a

mountain goat. M-class walks up steep mud slides with grace, and with none of the creaks and rattles of a Range Rover, proving it's well bolted together, even though this car comes from the US and not Germany. A sophisticated traction control system complements its

Experienced Mercedes motorists impressive engine braking to slow downhill climbs. When its fivespeed automatic is slipped into low-ratio first-gear, the M-class tiptoes down steep slopes as if it was anchored to the top. On the road, steering responses

are slow by Mercedes standards but a vast improvement on most other off-roaders, the most car-like of any 4x4. With four-wheel independent suspension, this is an offroader you can chuck into corners



without wallowing about like a weather-beaten boat. And cruise? Like a dream, like a Mercedes, M-class goes on sale in the US

this autumn with a V6 engine, but by the time it arrives here there will also be a 4.3 V8 on offer. A fivecylinder diesel and four-cylinder petrol follow in 1999.

In between, we have to watch and wait for the queues to grow for the newcomer. Mercedes execu-

tives here say they have almost gone down on their knees to plead for more cars to come to Britain.

Perhans the late Janis Jonlin's lyrics to a song which is almost the factory hymn at Tuscaloosa seem more appropriate than ever: "Oh, Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes-Benz?" The way things are, praying may be the only way you'll get a new Mercedes before the next millennium.

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WHAT DO you do when you

grow out of a GTi? Lucy

Pawson is a long-time admir-

er of Volkswagen's Golf GTi,

but the 29-year-old graphic

designer tired of its boxy

styling and a look which has

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L6-litre engine only offered

101 brake horse power and moving up to the sportier 125bhp 1.8 meant a £1,500

BMW's Compact fared bet-

"They have become quite

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MERCEDES M-CLASS

Engine: 3.2-litre V6 developing 215 brake horse power at 5,500rpm (4.3 V8 to come in 1998 and 2.7 diesel and 2.3 petrol to follow in 1999). Four-wheel-drive through five-speed automatic transmission with low ratio and traction control.

Performance: 0-60mph in nine seconds; top speed 112mph. Average fuel consumption, 23.7 miles to the gallon.

Prices: Expected to be between £28,000 and £38,000.

Nissan's estate of the Euro art

Hugh Hunston looks at the newest entrant in a booming marketplace

ons are carving a growing share of the market, particularly in what marketeers define as the D-class sector: the territory of Ford Mondeos, Vauxhall Vectras

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and Volkswagen Passats.

In Britain the share of sales taken by the upper-medium estate car has climbed from 13 to 16 per cent in a year and is still growing. In fashion-conscious Italy\"wagons" take a thumping 52 per cent. Logical, sensible Germans register 30 per cent and overall the European figure is set to vault from 18 per cent in 1995 to 29 per cent by the end of next year.

The arrival of the multipurpose vehicle is having an impact above and below Dclass where the company driver often does not consider an MPV has the correct corporate

Against this background of spectacular growth, Nissan showed the estate car version of its Sunderland-built Primera, due for launch next May. Unlike its Japanese-built predecessor, described bluntly by the new car's stylist Stephane Schwarz as a "utilitarian workhorse with very little image", the successor allegedly blends form and function.

Schwarz, who headed a Munich-based team devoted to "designing and developing in Europe by Europeans a car for European customers", says estate cars have become objects of fashion, making "powerful statements" about who buys them, their lifestyle and leisure pursuits.

The rear comes with convenrional, horizontal clusters integrated into the tailgate and the Primera is claimed to be a compromise between fite sportier, less spacious estates the range is set to and the more functional Ford -10 to 20 per cent.

state cars, shooting Mondeos Schwarz empha-brakes or station wag sises that estate car design hinges on the angle of the rear window. Too steep or upright, and it is stigmatised as a van; too raked and the marketing clinics consider load space is compromised.

Of four design proposals, the Munich team opted for a curved convex, bubble-effect rear hatch, with an overhang behind the rear wheels just over 3ins longer than the saloon version. Nissan concedes that it has 3 per cent less luggage room than its predecessor but says its nominal 1,650 litres of room behind the front seats is 32 per cent greater than Audi's A4.

The company's technology centre in Cranfield, Bedfordshire generated the interior design and while they did not reinvent the wheel, they found a new use for the box. Lateral and longitudinal thinking has rendered the centre of the boot space reversible, turning upside down to provide a sturdy plastic box for muddy weilies and/or dogs, wet clothes, or shopping. Inverted, it also adds 4ins to the load height or depth, which allows for slotting in suitcases vertically.

Cubby holes abound and the rear seats incorporate three inertia reel belts which should not inflict bruised and bleeding knuckles when the 60/40 folding format is applied. A 12-volt power point is built in for a coolbox or power

To be built exclusively at Nissan's Sunderland factory. the Primera Estate should cost no more than £1,000 above saloon or hatchback versions, whose engines and specifications it will share. The Primera Estate's share within the range is set to double from



Stephane Schwarz and the new Primera: estate cars have become objects of fashion

Lucy reverses back to the place where she started



BMW Compact: full of quality - but £2,000 for the extras



Golf GTi: longer, chunkier and with a new engine range

common," she says, "and I need something with quality and performance but which ter. Lucy settled behind the driving seat of the 1.6i and decided: "Cute, feels sturdy The brief Lucy set CAR 97 and full of quality. I want was to suggest a model which was compact, three-door,

But Lucy discovered that sporty, stylish and around £15,000. she might have to spend as much as £2,000 on top of the Audi's new A3 fell at the El4.540 price ordering extras first hurdle because Lucy decided the styling and interi-ors were dull. At £14,411, the she wanted. So, goodbyc Compact — though with an aching heart.

In with the Renault Megane, only considered as a cabriolet though. With 150bhp from the 16-valve engine. there was more than enough power to please - and just

one drawback: the price of £19.040.

One more thing threw CAR 97's suggestions scheme into chaos. VW unveiled the next generation Golf this week, on sale here in December. Longer and chunkier than its predecessor and with new engines, twin airbags across the range and options including side airbags, the new Golf made Lucy stop and think

That looks good," she said. "I think I'll wait until December and get another Golf," Typical woman.

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Alfa-plus as the Sparks fly

the Alfa Romeo range are the dashing open Spider and the sensational-looking GTV coupé. They offer performance to match their looks but supplies are limited and for many people they are dream cars incapable of carrying out the family duties that most of us have to face on four wheels. writes Alan Copps.

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But the backbone of the company's recent revival in Britain has come from the little hatchbacks, the threedoor 145 and five-door 146, cars that have been given a new lease of life with improved engines.

Looks have always been on their side in a class dominated by bland shapes, but when they were first introduced with the ageing "boxer" engines. beloved of Alfa enthusiasts but dating back two decades in technology, their performance hardly lived up to the sporty

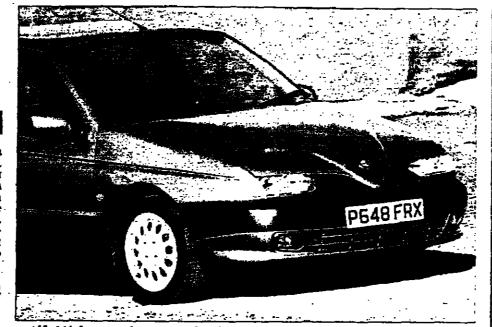
Now with Twin Spark 16valve i.6 and l.8-litre engines, closely related to the top-ofthe-range two-litre, they've got

ROAD TEST

a spring in their step again and at a reasonable price. Perhaps even more important to those who enjoy rather than endure driving, these cars in 1.8-litre form now share the same steering as the GTV, with just over two turns lockto-lock which offers handling of a speed and precision to match the extra power.

The 146 that I tried showed just how far Alfa has come in recent years both in terms of performance and in build quality. You somehow expect Alfas to have a few quirks, to offer a bit of Italian temperament somewhere along the way, but this car was free of eccentricity.

There was no fumbling to find a comfortable driving position, no squeaks and rattles. The doors shut with a pleasing "thunk", the controls came readily to hand, the engine responded with smooth enthusiasm to my urging and corners came and went without a wobble no



Alfa 146: improved sporty engine, but why can't we have continental interiors?

matter how hard I hustled the car along. True, the rear seats are pretty cramped for anyone over about 5ft 6in, but so are those of most cars in this class. The gearshift is much slicker than the old one and the brakes, which come with antilock system throughout the range, responded to everything with efficiency. That's the word - efficiency - not

always appropriate to Alfas in the past, but just what these cars have acquired. The statisties bear it out: If you make the engine more efficient it's not just more powerful but more economical as well. The 1.Slitre produces 140bhp against the 120bhp of the old 1.7-litre unit, but in urban driving it achieves just short of 30mpg. a 12 per cent improvement on

the old car's 27mpg. All this is

helped by the Twin Spark system, an Alfa speciality which ensures efficient burning of fuel.

There is only one way in which the car lets down the Alfa Romeo name and that is the interior. If you're in this market and prepared to pay a little more for something with Alfa's name and image then you want it to show inside as well as out. Unfortunately the

ALFA 146 1.8

Engine: Four-cylinder 1.S-litre Twin Spark producing 140bhp at 6.30rpm. Transmission: Fivespeca manual, front-

wheel-drive.

Performance: 0-62mph in 9.4 secs. Max speed (20mph. Economy: 29.7mpg urban cycle; 34.5mpg at constant 75mph: 46.3mpg at 50mph. Equipment: Anti-

lock brakes, remote cenrai locking. alarm/immobiliser, sixspeaker stereo sys-:em, height-adjustable driver's seat. Price: £15,557 on the ruad.

new versions look too much like the old, an interesting shape marred by acres of black plastic wherever you

For continental markets the latest versions come with a much more pleasing cloth trim, but for reasons that the marketing men cannot really explain it doesn't appear in right-hand-drive versions. Why can't we have it, too?

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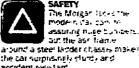
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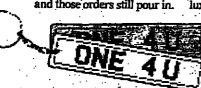
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Primitive suspension and chassis reduce ride comfort, space is at a premium, and the huge steering wheel is daunting. But the Morgan looks stunning, gives a lively and rapid drive and its 110mph top speed is academic as ampting above motorway limits is distinctly uncomfortable. A supreme example of tun, impractical

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AS THE R-registration car owners appear this morning with their chamois leathers and dusters to show off the new metal, thousands will give the numberplate an extra polish. The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre sold £6 million worth of R-registration plates and those orders still pour in.



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■ THE MINI can make a fun alternative to swarms of new microcars on the market, reports CAP Black Book, even after 38 years.

Rust-prone, so check front wings, sills, beneath doors, seams, subframe and lift mats and carpets to check how far rust has progressed into the floorpan. If Minis do go wrong, repair bills can be higher than the value of a used car. Best bet is the Mini Mayfair or Ritz, while the City is too basic. Cooper versions are trendy and convertibles add luxury. Cars with the floor-mounted starter button have classic potential.

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How successful is Volvo's successor?

VOLVO TWIN TEST

t looks like an estate car and is said to be the spiritual successor to the ES 1800, that pretty Seventies model whose letters stood for "estate sport". But the V40 is not an estate, says Volvo; it is a five-door hatchback. Nowhere in the descriptive literature does the e-word" appear. Can this new Dutch-built Volvo truly claim descent from the ES 1800?

Nothing can succeed or displace the great original, believes London portrait photographer Godfrey Argent, who is on his third ES 1800 of 1972 vintage - and shows no signs of changing it. Ever.

We bought it in Learnington for £1,495 ten years ago. It had 72,000 miles on the clock, was painted white, which was a terrible colour for the shape, and was full of rubbish and dog hairs. We had a £4,000 rebuild including the engine and we've spent £3,000 since. Now the car is British Racing Green. which shows off the lines and curves perfectly and matches the pale green leather. People stop as I park and say, What's that, then?. and congratulate me. Have you ever seen such a beautiful car?"

olvo could hardly disagree since it used Godfrey's car as part of its presentation to dealers when launching the V40. So could he ever be tempted by the V40? He is the sort of brand-loyal motorist the carmakers both love and hate.

"I'd accept one as a gift," he says straight-faced. "Then I could sell it and buy three more ES 1800s for restoration, if I could find them."

He went for a substantial town and country drive in the V40 while I followed in the ES 1800. The old car tacks tittle on performance but is by comparison loud with vague steering, brakes that do not exactly bite and a culture-shock control area.

"I love that dashboard — it reminds me of a Cessna," says Godfrey, who holds a licence to fly single and twin-engined aircraft. "You sit low, It has the same handson feel, the same warm smells of instruments and wiring and casings. And I don't care what you say,





"All that grey covering" in the V40. left, while the ES 1800 dashboard "reminds me of a Cessna"

there isn't enough plastic wood to offend anyone, and it's certainly and you don't notice the ugly bits in offend anyone, and it's certainly more acceptable than all that grey covering they've got on the V40 fascia, the colour of slip-ons worn

by medallion men. "Anyway, I've been in love with

someone you love. Yes, there are a few. The quarterlights are prone to leak, the mirrors are small and the heater, which is marvellous in the winter, refuses to stop heating in

summer and you can cook. And the car has early fuel-injection which has funny spasms on over-run and makes the rev counter go wobbly. but all the advice is not to tinker with it, and the popping stops the moment you touch the throttle."

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VOLVO V40.

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Price: £16,775.

Engine: Two-litre, five-cylin-

five-speed manual transmis-

sion offering four-speed auto-

Performance: 0-60mph in

9.2 secs, top speed 120mph.

Economy: 3.14mpg on average and 22.1mpg urban.

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VOLVO ES 1800 Engine: Two-litre, four-cylinder developing 135 brake horse power through four-speed manual transmission with fifth gear solenoid overdrive.

Performance: 0-60mph in 12 secs, top speed 120mph. Economy: 27 mpg touring,

20mpg urban. Price: £2,638 when new.

Though designated an 1900, the car's engine is in fact 1986cc. comfortably at 90mph where appropriate: "Of course it's illegal, but that's the ambient speed on the Godfrey's car starts promptly on the coldest morning, uses no oil, motorways I use, so the car settles makes 60mph from rest in about 12 down happily with its modern seconds, has been known to hit counterparts, and the steering,

comes into its own. She is absolutely rock-solid in a straight line and totally unaffected by crosswinds. You can sit steadily consuming the miles for hour after hour - a bloody marvellous car for long journeys. I look at the frontal aerodynamics of the V40 and the wide-eyed gaping face of the ES 1800 and say, well, whatever that old design may imply in terms of speed and fuel consumption it certainly doesn't affect stability.

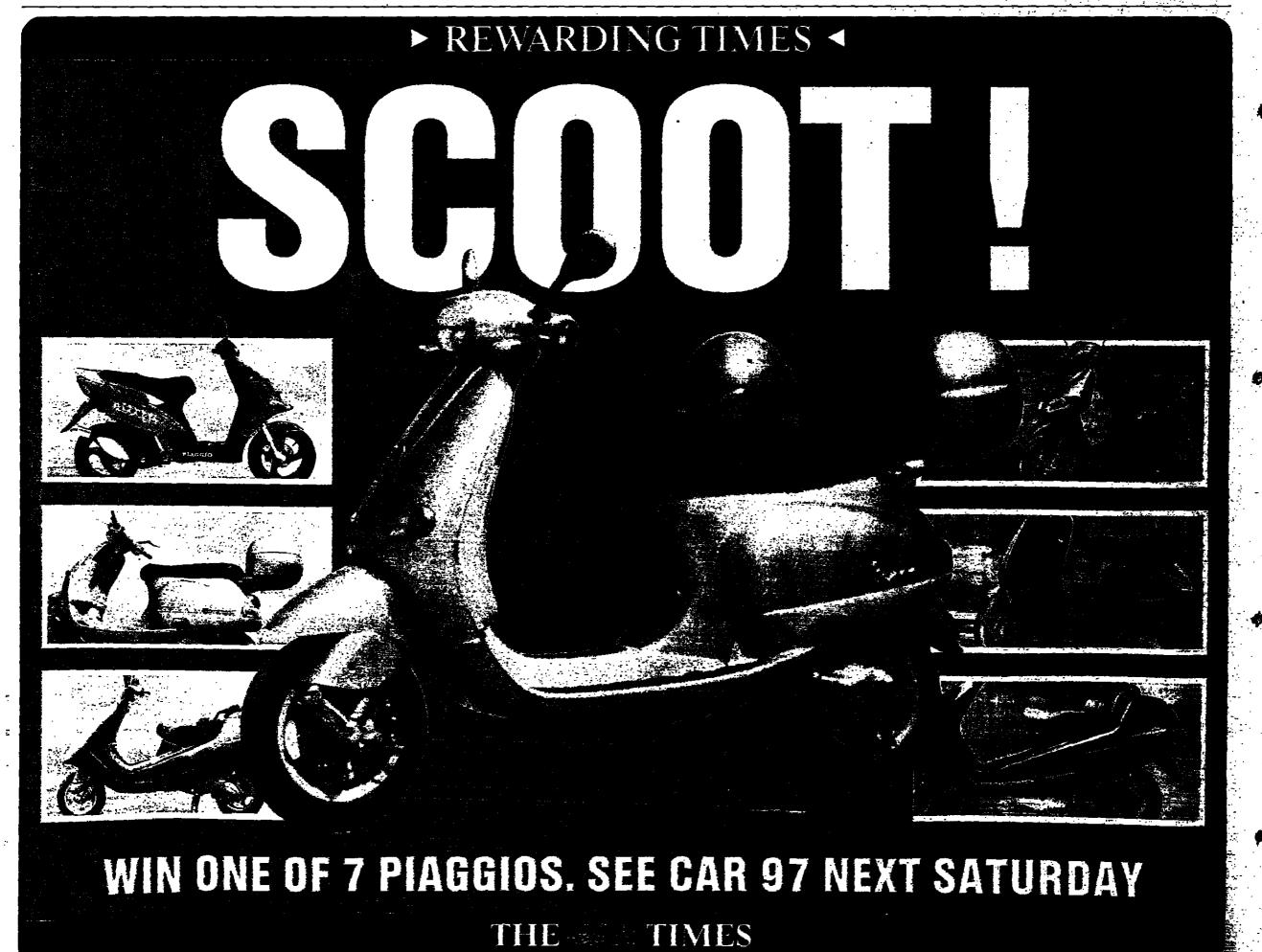
t adds up to all the periormance I need. Instead of a fifth gear, the ES 1800 has the old solenoid-operated overdrive available on top gear at the flick of a column stalk, equally effective for overtaking or for easing the speed down without using the gear lever. It's part of that package which makes the driver of an older car a better driver.

"I drive her well because I have to. An older car obliges you to drive more carefully and skilfully. You have to think differently. You observe and plan. Because the brakes are not so sharp and powerful you can't drive up someone else's tailpipe. It is no coincidence that the road-rage merchant didn't exist when they launched this car."

The real joy is the rear styling, says Godfrey: "Beautiful, distinctive, totally individual, low and sleek, pleasing from every angle no car stylist ever got a back end into better shape. By comparison, the V40 is plain and boring, like so many so-called modern cars."

But he admits the impracticality of the old design, both the shallowness of the boot and the wonderful view of its contents given to the potential thief. When we return to London and park in the street, his expensive photographic gear goes into the V40, not the ES 1800,

"But I don't think there's much about the new car that derives from the old," he insists. They have retained the perfect driving pos-ition. I got into the V40 and was instantly at home. I felt I was in a Volvo. But take the badges off and you can't see the lineage. They can claim what they bloody well like, but I've got eyes."



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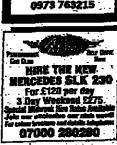
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What made me into a fast woman

Claire Furnell on the joys of vintage car racing

n the grid, engine running. I wondered what on earth I was doing. After all. everybody needs a hobby — and mine is more bizarre than most, at least for a woman. Give me a vintage car and an open track and I'm happy as Larry ... or Stirling Moss, I suppose.

I competed for a couple of years in hillclimb events and driving tests staged by the Vintage Sports Car Club — but now I am qualified for the real thing with a racing licence to hit the same track as Damon Hill and David Coulthard.

Almost, for this was slightly more junior than Formula One, though my first outing — at Silverstone, home of the British Grand Prix — was daunting to say the least. As I took my place on the grid in my Austin Seven Ulster, there were none of the expected nerves, just an excited realisation and an urge to win. The task was to complete 12 laps with one stop to

change a spark plug.

The flag dropped and I was off — and what fabulous fun, I discovered. I didn't have the fastest car in the field - nowhere near, in fact - but you don't need to be the best to enjoy the racing.

Tucking into corners and taking the racing line. Five laps in at the pit stop. I bounded out of the car as my father undid the bonnet and handed me tools to change the plug. Removing a spark plug shouldn't be the most taxing of tasks but under the gaze of a photographer and a television camera crew my fingers turned to thumbs and suddenly this was one of

the most difficult jobs I had attempted. What seemed like hours was just minutes before I was back in the car and away to rejoin the action. With practice lap times of around 1 minute 53 seconds, I



Furnell on the track: an urge to win

raced on for seven more laps to achieve a finish and a faster lap time - even a podium finish if I could coax my groaning little Austin around a track better known for being filled with the shrieks of modern F1 cars rather than the buzz of a car slightly past its best years.

At the sight of the number 12 on the lap board, I knew I was home, but where had I finished? Astonishingly, third in my class and 20th overall with a best lap of I min 51. That was it for me.

Racing, particularly in vintage cars, is an addiction difficult to kick; and once hooked you can never kick it.

I became aware of vintage racing when my father bought a 1926 Austin Seven Burghley. I doubt that its designers had ever considered it might one day be used for racing, but we decided to try it out at the Wiscombe Park hillclimb, Devon, three years ago. It received the first of many mentions for its unusual looks and set the slowest time of the day.

We wondered just what we were getting into, watching one driver and his father



rebuilding the back axle of their car by first draining the oil into the nearest receptacle - a frying pan, which was later cleaned and used for breakfast. But that is the gung-ho, friendly spirit of the Vintage Sports' Car Club, which stages these meetings of ageing but still sprightly cars.

Many people might think they can't afford to race a vintage car but if you want to compete, this is one of the cheapest forms of racing there is. There is such camaraderie in the pits while an everincreasing band of young members is shrugging off the image of the VSCC as

dominated by chaps with handlebar moustaches and Bentleys.

In fact, this is one form of motorsport where many women compete and this year I will also be taking part in a formula designed for drivers under 23. So, youth and women are combined to make racing a vintage car one of the most fun things I can do on four wheels. There are also many women racing, proving that this isn't just a sport for the guys.

How to go Vintage Racing:

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Such elegant, swelegant parties

Kevin Eason

looks at some stylish cars on

show in Paris this summer

7 alk into the car park outside the Parc de Bagatelle in Paris next month and you will get depressed; the art of the automobile seems long gone.

The Concours Automobile Classiques et Louis Vuitton celebrates its tenth anniversary by putting on show a selection of cars which exude

history and personality. The Renault XB of 1907 at least had a sense of style, even in the dim and distant past. Have there been cars prettier than the Talbot Lago SS or the 125 S, the first to bear the Ferrari name? They came off the drawing boards in 1937 and 1947 respectively — although buyers would beat each other to death even now to own such

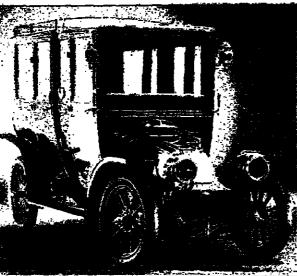
gorgeous creatures.
The Chevrolet Aerovette showed what might have been if carmakers had been willing to stick out their corporate necks, but Chrysler shows the way with its fabulous Phaeton, which might yet emerge as a

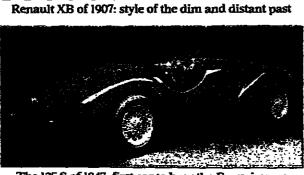
Each car tells its own story of an age which boasted more elegance and spurned the demands of the accountants who have managed to turn the modern industrial world into a bleak wasteland of

sameness. Ignore the Michael Crawford lookalike in the turret of the Rolls-Royce armoured car though, for the car is impressive, even laughably so. Try sticking an armoured body on to a Silver Spur now and see how well it would work.

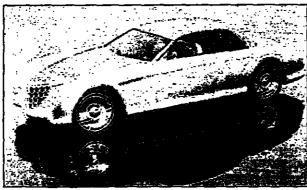


Talbot Lago SS: designed in 1937, although buyers today might kill each other to own such a gorgeous creature

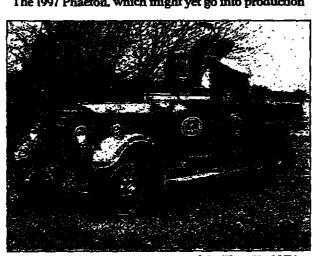




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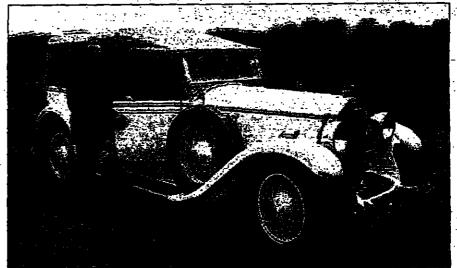


The 1997 Phaeton, which might yet go into production



Rolls-Royce armoured car, veteran of the First World War

Tony Dawe reports on our Shakespeare entrants



Idwal Bacon and his Buick, restored after research at the National Motor Museum

EXTREMELY rare Buick seven-seater open tourer has gained one of the first places reserved for classic vehicles owned by CAR 97 readers on this year's Coventry run through

Shakespeare country. The 1928 Master Six Model 49, one of only two built, was entered by Idwal Bacon, an engineer from Patching, West Sussex, who has restored the impressive machine after buying it in a poor

state five years ago. Mr Bacon wrote in after reading that 20 places were being reserved for CAR 97 on the heavily over-subscribed rally, which will take 480 veteran, vintage and classic cars on a 65-mile trip from Coventry to Kenilworth, Straford-on-Avon and War-

wick on September 7. The event is being spon-sored this year by the Institute of Mechanical Engineers to mark its 150th anniversary and the organisers were looking for rare and innovative models to take part. Mr Bacon's Buick certainly fits the bill.

"It was built in Canada by McLaughlin, the famous carriage builders, on a Buick chassis, presumably for someone with a large fam-

Bacon's rare slice of Buick

ily," he says. "It was shipped to South Africa where it was owned by the Standard Bank, but reached Britain in 1933. It was so large - and cars of its size so rare after the war - that a crane was fitted in the back and it was

used as a recovery vehicle.

"I got to know the car as a young mechanic when it was owned by Cyril Piggott, who promised me first refusal if ne ever considered selling it. I finally got the call in July 1992, but it was in a sorry state. The engine had seized but the car was basically sound and I restored it after carrying out research at the National Motor Museum and making some of the parts myself."

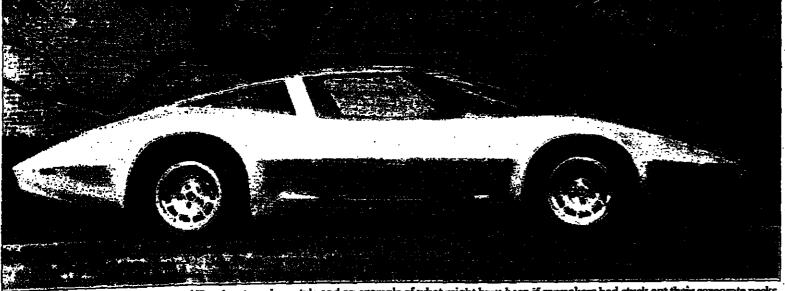
Martin Hone of International Festival Services, the organisers, says: "Mr Ba-con's Buick deserves its place in The Times Twenty for we

are looking for unusual, wacky and interesting mod-els to represent CAR 97 readers. The entry has been excellent with a good selec-tion of classic saloons, sports cars and the bizarre."

The Buick will be joined by at least one other American car for another place has been awarded to Cliff Wright's 1948 Studebaker

Champion Starlight Coupé. Mr Wright, of Droitwich, Worcestershire, wrote: "The car was imported from the Phillipines via Hong Kong in December 1987 and remained unregistered in Winchester until I purchased it in April. After completing various jobs to make it roadworthy and obtaining an MoT certificate, I successfully registered it on July 2 and the car triumphantly took to the road for the first

time in ten years." A dedicated area at Coombe Country Park, Coventry, where the event starts and finishes, will be set aside for The Times Twenty. The owners of the chosen cars will also receive £50 towards petrol expenses from BP, provided they buy fuel from a BP filling station, and a free Michelin road atlas of Great Britain.



The 1977 Chevrolet Aerovette: Grand Touring American-style and an example of what might have been if carmakers had stuck out their corporate necks

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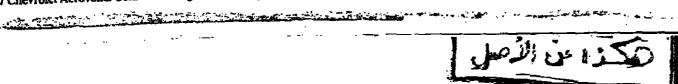


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also drivers of off-roaders who spend their days wondering how they would perform when not cossetted on Tarmac. Details for entries for the challenge in October, 1998 -£15,000 for the 4x4 adventure and £20,000 for the classics, including accommodation and vehicle shipment - from the Historic Endurance Rallying Organisation: 01886-833505. Lord Steel, the former Liberal leader, is in charge of diplomatic relations with countries being crossed, while Lord





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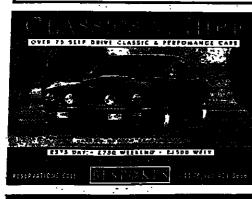
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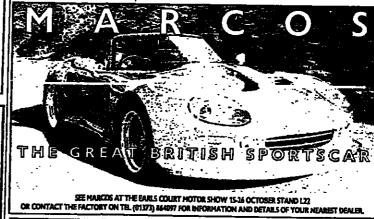
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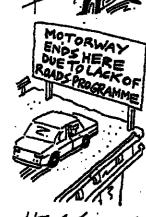
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where nursing staff checked in human admissions. Cars recovering in the Old Cottage Hospital in Newburn, north of Newcastle upon Tyne, even get sent get well" cards from their auxious owners. The automotive

Florence Nightingale in charge of this slightly eccentric automotive care for the elderly scheme is Tim Fletcher, a retired engineer, whose 1927 Alvis is a regular out-patient and who recently threw a 70th birthday party for it. The Old Cottage Hospital started life in 1909. Many of its

patients came from

among the workers of the nearby Spencer Steelworks that provided steel plates for ships including the Mauritania.

As a hospital, the building was at its busiest during the two World Wars but in the Fifties it became home to an electronics and engineering firm. Three years ago, Fletcher took over as home for his firm. Classic Restorations.

He specialises in Morris Minors, Volkswagen Beetles and MGs but the present "patient" list also includes a 1936 Morris Eight, a 1930 Austin Seven Chummy, an MGB, a Triumph TRI RoadVaughan Freeman on a former Cottage Hospital where classic





Tim Fletcher and a Morris Minor, one of the hospital's specialties

ster. Reliant Scimitar, Alvis TD and an MGA. Fletcher, who worked on the Sky Bolt missile system during his time with Avro then as service and parts director at car dealerships in the Midlands and the North-East, has always been a car "nut".

"My first, in 1957, was a 1927 Crossley, then two years later I bought a scrap Alvis, an SD1250, which I still have and which has just had its birthday

party," he says. While he can restore all sorts of classic cars, it is the

Morris Minor that helped get the hospital established: "We have had Morris Minors in the family ever since they came out. They are reliable and pretty trouble free and

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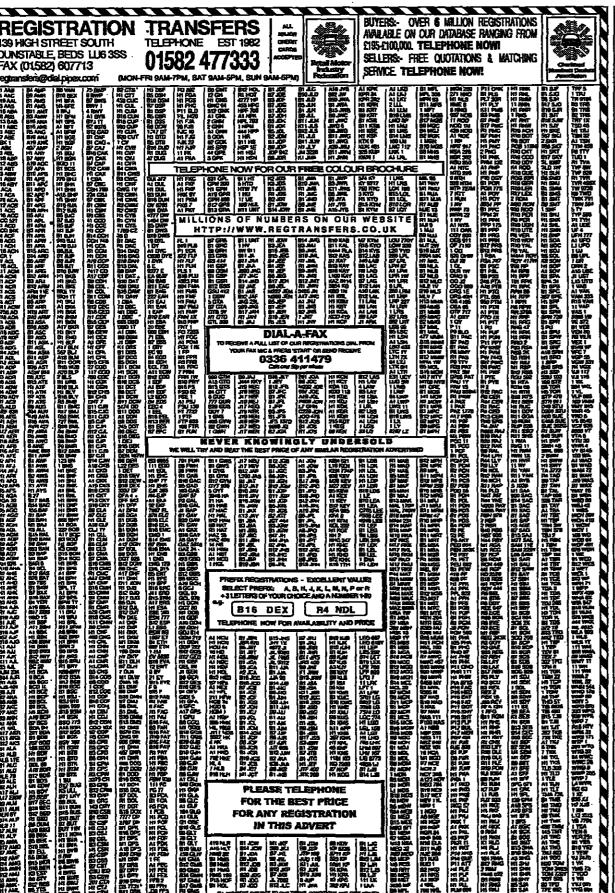
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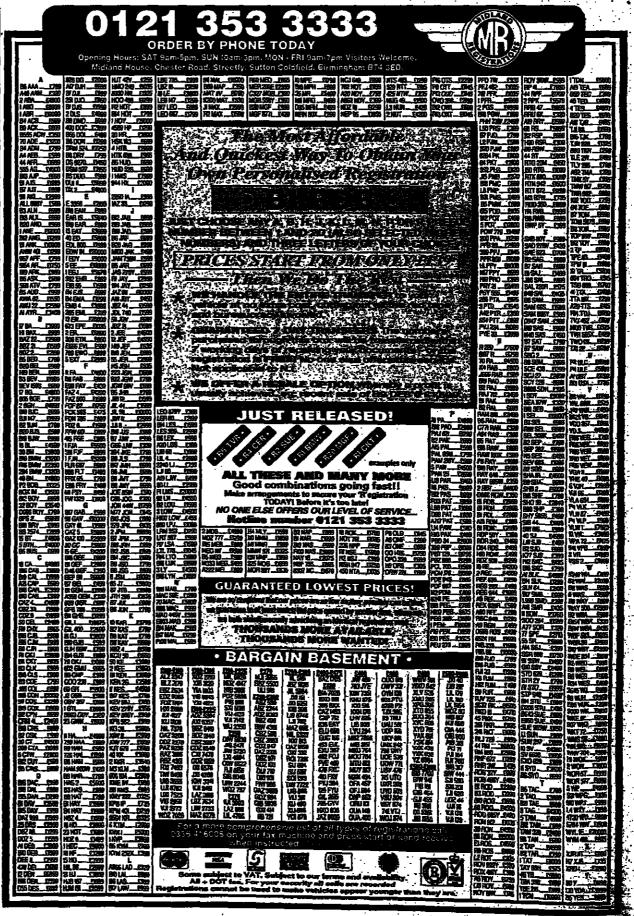
years old are exempt from tax is always attractive, although it is mainly their character, their style and the nostalgic attractions which make them irresistible.

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Fletcher and his 1927 Alvis SD1250, for which he recently threw a 70th birthday party

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Readers letters this month touch on who are the true sons of the soil, a far-from-bashful badger, and turning water into wine

t is a great shame that an anony-mous "Cornish Woman", who wrote To me in the most unflattering terms, will not be reading this. In fact, she has vowed never to "read or watch anything by [me] again". She tells me in no uncertain terms to "get those huge, flat feet into gear and walk to Hyde Park in support of the countryside" and that, "the article you wrote was all untrue. How

much lower can you go?" The point I was trying to make before that rally, and which clearly caused deep offence, was that the urban observer might receive the wrong message because all things rural have become aspirational. Country dwellers are the lucky ones, so townspeople think. How can a life with roses around the contage door be anything other than idyllic?

My other concern was that true country people deal more easily in quiet understanding than shouting from rooftops. Kate Barlow, writing from Minehead, Somerset, seems to agree. She writes: "I have found living on Exmoor a salutary learning experience; totally dif-ferent even from that of rural Gloucestershire, where I lived for many years. The relationship between the country people and the red deer is an integral part of life and seems to me positive and creative, not destructive. The indigenous people of Exmoor are not bloodthirsty, they are

A controversial story of countryfolk

vigorous and hard-working, realistic and compassionate. They are not Sunday supplement people. It is terribly sad that the message of the rally will go to the

already converted."

This is a conclusion clearly arrived at after a great deal of thought. Most rural matters are as complex as any urban issue and take more than shouted words at a raily to appreciate and understand.

Paradoxically, I said, their natural reticence ensures that country people are not always the best at explaining them. But Mrs Mary Brill, of Ashburton, Devon, finds this view "patronising". She writes: "You fall into the trap of thinking that are and all the country and the trap of thinking that the country of the property of the state of the trap of thinking that the country of the trap of the trap of thinking that the country of the trap of the that we are all the same a dim tribe dressed in subfuse clothing permanently welded to its green wellies. On the contrary, some of us are sharpening up

fast, though not before time, I agree."

Mrs Brill feels that I am being patronsing towards her, so she has fallen into the same trap which has snared me: that of using too broad a brush.

The truth is that the countryside is now inhabited by such a wide variety of people that we do not have enough words to describe them all. Think of it as a .

three distinct species. as well as one or two

mongrels.

First, there is the rare and valuable creature who is the true countryman, or lived a life on the land, in the woods and forests or by the rivers, who has de-veloped a deep un-derstanding of how

to balance the natu-

ral forces that make the countryside work and would like to be left alone to get on with it. Among these are the more intelligent farmers. gamekeepers, huntsman and stalkers.

The second group of people have arrived from towns and decided to make their homes in the countryside. They know that they can never be true countrymen, but hope that some of it rubs off on them; they hold the first species in some reverence. And then there is the third class, those who happen

DOWN TO EARTH house surrounded by fields, and there it. They have no wish to understand the way of like of the first group, and find it all rather griss. These complain about the dawn growing of the

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is why Mrs Brill feels patronised, which While we dive to the thesaurus to discover words which might suit these three groups of people suggestions welcome), we might also prinder a couple

of other deeply rural mysteries. The first concerns a fearless budger.

Trevor Boon, of Ware, Herdordhsire.

writes: "Out walking my dog, I stopped to investigate a rustling noise in a clump of nettles by the madside. Imagine my

emerged and walked straight towards me, ignoring my dog, which stood rooted to the spot. The badger cub rested its snout on my shoe, then ran its nose up to my knee. Eventually, satisfied that I was harmless, it made its leisurely way back into the undergrowth. Can you confirm that this is anything other than unusual hehaviour in what I had always thought to be a shy, nocturnal animal wary of humans (and dogs)?"

That's a question which requires an answer from a true countryman, please.

The next mystery goes back to the 1920s and is recalled by Philip Henry (now 82), of Hove, Sussex. He was ten at the time and lived at in the village of Salford Priors, near Stratford-upon-Ayon. He remembers his father coming into the cottage carrying "a jam jar which contained a blub of what looked like fermenting yeast, pulsating

like a jelly fish.

I and my three brothers gathered round to see this strange object, though we were all put off by its rather obscene appearance and the fact that it seemed

explanation but he did say it had been given to him and was called Mythoglum. A container and sugar was produced, a quart of water added and then the blob was introduced. The blub immediately sank to the bottom, suddenly rose to the surface, then sank again, and rose . . .

Then, after a couple of days, two transformations had taken place: the liquid, now pale amber, was not just sweetened water but a very pleasant alcoholic drink. The second surprise was that the culture had doubled in size and now two blobs were willing to go to work.

"As you can imagine, word spread like wildfire round the village. Neighbours vied with each other for a sample of the blob and soon the whole area was saturated. The result was that the original blob was discarded to die among the coal ashes. Suddenly, the Mythuglum no longer existed and I never knew the true story behind it. The two local inns

certainly didn't lament its demise."
It hardly needs saying that the turning of water into wine remains something of a miracle, and, if it can so easily be achieved merely by the use of a blob of Mythuglum, it seems that we must investigate further. In the interests of rural history, of course.

Any clues would be welcome. And, oh, all right, then. Samples, if you must.

Readers' letters are welcome on countryside matters of all kinds. Address them to: Paul Heiney, Weekend. The Times, I Pennington Street. London El 9XN. They are published on the first Saturday of the month.



No serious surfing dudes venture out without their shades

Kings of the boardwalk

Crashing waves and big bucks lure the

world's top surfers to Cornwall once a year.

Anna Blundy hangs out with the best

be coming from most di-rections, joints are being rolled and hundreds of semi-naked people are using their sun-kissed bodies to help them to sell hair wraps, silver

jewellery, sarongs and beer.
An Australian voice shouts out from the heavens: "There's a red ilag ilying out there today. Swim and you're dead. Go out and you won't last long!" This is not Bondi Beach or California, however. It is

Fistral Beach, Newquay.

The Australian lifeguard's message is for the faint-hearted only, be cause at the Headworx Surf Festival in Cornwall this week, the pros are out on the water no matter how terrifying the swell. From the judges' Portakabins on the cliff, tiny figures can be seen emerging from the roaring sea to ride the crests of their chosen waves into the shore, sometimes disappearing underwater, sometimes earning a yell from the crowd as they perform a

Newquay with its year-round surf season, and waves as good as those in parts of Australia and California, has been the home of British surfing since Australian lifeguards introduced us to the sport, and Bill Bailey opened his board factory there in 1965. This year, there are 224 men and 30 women surfers taking part in the Association of Surfing Profession-als' world tour qualifying round, hoping to grab themselves \$100,000 prize money. And they would need it. The competitors, from all over the world, but with a hefty Australian. American and South African contingent, have to do a lot of travelling to keep up with the world's waves and, apart from a certain amount of sponsorship, it. is at their own expense.

They have come to Newquay

published on August 16.

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The Times has teamed up with Cherry Coke to give away a limited-edition hand-crafted surfboard worth £1,500, made by surf expert

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The beach is seething with from Anglet in France and will pierced and tattooed bod-leave after the finals for Huntingles. Loud music seems to ton Beach in the United States, taking their sun-bleached hair, toned bodies and sair-chapped lips with them. And they will probably be glad to go. Waves aside, Newquay, with its amusement arcades and burger bars, is not exactly Hawaii. "Without the surfing," said Australian pro Tracy Boxall, "well..."

Surfing may be a Sixties phenomenon, still shackled in the public imagination to free love, LSD and tie-dying in California, but, in common with other sports, commercialisation has meant that the pros have to take themselves

very seriously indeed. Surfers divide into two categories. Those who can really surf, and surf burns. The former watch the clouds intently, check the weather reports, know all there is to know about waves and look disconcertingly fit, healthy and vibrant they have early nights and drink water. Their teeth gleam, their tans glow and they have bodies that biology teachers would use to point out the muscle groups. They say things like "there's an off-shore today", but their conversation is

largely comprehensible.
The latter group looks tired, smoke, has tattoos and pierced eyebrows, walks towards the sea rather than running and talks about how your first wave of the day can help to clear your hangover. They use surfing slang to apply to life ("that's gnarly, dude!") and speak no known language. These people are a far cry from Laird Hamilton, an almost mythical creature whose prowess under monumental waves is documented

on hundreds of adoring posters.

British No I Russell Winter is of the first group. Originally from Hounslow, west London, Winter's family moved to Cornwall when he was nine, and he has been surfing



Living the dream: surfers Paul Banks, Barrie Hall and Rod Reece take a break from riding the waves

ever since. Now 21 he is sponsored by Gotcha Clothing, Gul Wet Suits, Dragon Sunglasses, Animal Watches and Lindon Surfers. People are giving you an awful lot of money," he smiles. "We are professional athletes."

ritish surfers have not been winning titles since Martin Potter took the world title in 1989, but Winter and his colleague Grishka Roberts are planning to change that. Winter watches his fellow competitors out of the corner of his eye, laughing when they wipe out. The Voodoo Dolls (another trendy brand of clothing) women's competition is coming up any second. Are the girls any good, I ask. "I wouldn't know," says Winter, look-ing down shyly. "I've got a fiancee." Down on the beach among the

crowd who have turned up in their VW campers with "not workin" just surfin" stickers in the windows, fiances are the last thing on people's minds. The competition sponsors, Headwork Clothing and Cherry Coke, are making a huge effort to fit in with the traditional surf bum image. They have pro-vided beach volleyball, skate boarding, tattoo painting and store after store of things such as toe rings, joss sticks, multicoloured hats and the flasher brands of

Even the brochures are written



A tattoo for Richard Brookes

out in mock handwriting and are headed by a pierced lip. 'Cherry' Coke is challenging surfing dudes and dudettes to do something different at the 1997 Headwork Cherry Coke Surf Festival in Newquay from July 24 to August 4" it begins, and encourages visitors to have their navels pierced with a Cherry Coke ring pull.

Then there is the competition to vin a VW convertible Beetle — "I think ... should get their ... pierced because ... is the tiebreaker, and the best clean one

received mid-week was "I think the Queen should get her nose pierced because it would make stamps more interesting".

But back to surfing. This year Jake Paterson and Rob Machado (if he makes it over from France in time) are tipped to take the contest. Their three best waves will be marked out of ten. But a clean ten is rare and would only come from surfing a cube (going down the middle of the inside of a breaking wave), something that rarely happens in England. These boys are among the select !ew, like the 23year-old millionaire Kelly Slater, who actually make a good living from doing what they do best.

Ted Deerhurst, the sport's notorious eccentric, two decades older than the rest of them and still at it, is not one of these. His father is the Earl of Coventry and the mere mention of Ted brings a dazzling smile to the dry lips of the rippling pros. "He says there's no money in that background, but he must be getting money from somewhere to do the tour. And he's not getting it Low sming.

But money, of course, is not what they are doing it for. When you feel an ice-cream headache coming on from cold waves breaking over your skuli and every muscle is exhausted you'll understand why I have to get up and get out there every morning." Or then again, you might not . . .

Secret shame of the blackbird

FEATHER REPORT

BLACKBIRDS are starting to look rather scruffy. Their autumn moult is under way and many of these glossy black birds now have untidy, dirty-looking feathers sticking out of their wings. Their secret is that the inner margins of their wing feathers, which are normally concealed, are grey - and in August we can see their shame.

They lose only a few wingfeathers at a time and the new ones quickly replace them, so that they can still fly during the moult, but it makes them cautious and they skulk about under bushes more than ever.

When the British Ornithologists' Union was giving new names to some birds a few years ago, it considered renaming the blackbird the black thrush, which would be quite apposite, because it is the only oure black member of the thrush family. In the end. though, the union said it did not have the courage to change such an old, ell-loved name. Internationally, however, the blackbird is now the common blackbird", to distinguish it from species such as the yellow-headed blackbird.

Pure or partial albino blackbirds are sometimes seen and recently a contributor to British Birds magazine described two very peculiar young blackbirds, evidently with deficient pigment. They were cinnamon-coloured and looked like small collared doves.

HEARD a blackbird singing in the last week of July, but this was a very late performer. I listened for a while to the sweet, low, throaty song, since it is unlikely that I shall hear another this year.

It is curious to think that, until 150 years ago, the blackbird was a shy bird of the forests. Its lowpitched song is typical of birds of



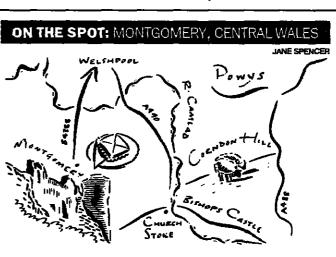
The blackbird: scruffy feathers

deep woodland, because that kind of song carries farther among the foliage than a high-pitched song would. Now that the blackbird has become a garden bird, it brings this deeply rural note to our towns.

They are still very nervous birds, though, fleeing with a clattering cry at the least hint of danger, and are also very aggressive when they are among other birds. Song-thrushes seem to have diminished in numbers in gardens in recent years, but it has been suggested that this may be partly an illusion. Song-thrushes, it is argued, will not venture out on to a lawn while blackbirds are feeding there, so if blackbirds are attracted by crumbs, it seems as though the song-thrushes have vanished. I think there may be something in this theory.

DERWENT MAY

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Rural recommendations

The place THE CHURCH YARD Monigomery, Powys.

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The appeal: Montgomery has that small-town feel that you want from a family home: the countryside is stunning in a cultivated way.

Aficionados: a few wealthy Londoners have bought weekend homes in the town but mainly it's populated by families who have lived there for decades. Visitors support a superior little cafe and the art gallery.

Historical interest: the town and its castle were built in the Middle Ages by men from Berwick. Cromwell slighted the castle in 1649 and locals later used any bits they could find to build Montgomery into a fine new Georgian town. When the Earl of Powis refused to let the railway line come within a few miles of Montgomery, power and commercial activity transferred to a new town (known as Newtown). built alongside the Shropshire Union Canal and railway line. Montgomery ossified as a result. Today it's like stepping back in time. Time to visit: from the churchyard you often get lovely sunsets across the Camlad valley, so it's best to arrive in the afternoon, have tea at the Castle kitchen tearooms and walk round the town before, hopefully, seeing Corndon bathed in the setting sun.

How to get there: The M6/M54/A5/A458 will get you to Welshpool, from which there is a verdant route out of the Severn Valley through Forden (A490/B4388), which affords a view of the whole town as you approach south along the old Roman road.

OS reference: Sheet 137, Grid Ref: 223/965. Also nearby: the Dragon pub and hotel is fine but not cheap; the Cottage Inn is coxy; best is The Three Tuns, which brews its own beer.

ADRIAN MOURBY



A chorus of anxious voices

Classical musicians and composers alike have reacted with horror to the threat of a hostile takeover and asset stripping at Boosey & Hawkes, the music publisher

ir Harrison Birtwistle grew up playing a Boosey & Hawkes clarinet. James MacMillan's first instrument was a second-hand Hawkes cornet. Birtwistle, our most eminent composer and famous for his uncompromising independence, chose to be published by Boosey & Hawkes in 1994, making it clear where the company's reputation stood. MacMillan, too, is now a Boosey & Hawkes composer. When his Clarinet Concerto was premiered this year on a Hawkes clarinet, he felt he had come full circle.

They are not alone. Every child in Britain who is actively involved in music will have hired his or her first instrument from Boosey & Hawkes. As the children grow up, they buy professional instruments and scores from the same company. But this international music institution, revered equally for the quality of its instruments, educational music and steadfast commitment to living composers, is now under threat of a hostile takeover bid that could result in division and, inevitably, asset stripping.

The music world has reacted with shock to the news. Boosey & Hawkes, with profits of £7.7 million last year, is something of a miracle in the current classical climate. The rub is that 45.3 per cent of its shares are owned by Carl Fischer Inc., a private American publisher. Its shareholders, since the recent death of Walter Connor, their president and former Boosey & Hawkes chairman, want to sell to the highest bidder. The concern is that no one buyer, except B&H itself, would have the competence to take on the whole company. Inevitably, a large instrument manufacturer would want the lucrative Hawkes division and one of the music multinationals — such as EMI, Warners or Polygram -

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catalogue as ripe for exploitation. Wednesday's letter to The Times from the great and the good of the music world was a call to arms. Boosey & Hawkes is far more than a highly successful classical music company. It would not be an exaggeration to say that the future

of music depends on it. Since the bold moves of Ralph Hawkes, Erwin Stein and Ernst Roth to garner composers such as Kodaly. Stravinksy, Britten, Strauss, Bartok and Prokofiev during and after the last war, it has had an astonishing record of musical patronage, of choosing the right composers and building a new repertoire for musical posterity.

Only this year Magnus Lindberg, one of the most exciting and established Finnish composers. asked to join its list. He will be in good company. The senior Russian composer Sofia Gubaidulina. whose Viola Concerto received rave reviews this week, is one of B&H's.

s for its Americans, the list reads like a roll call of the century's greatest. I from Copland and Bernstein to the eminent modernist Elliot Carter and the vibrant minimalists Steve Reich, John Adams and Michael Torke.

In taking on these composers, often when they are young and unknown. B&H directors do not think of short-term profit. Music publishers nurturing new music have to think in decades and centuries, not financial years. While Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto, still in the 75-year copyright, will be a big earner, music written today will not.

As Birtwistle explains: "Music publishing is not generally under-stood. Book publishers sell books, but music publishers create scores



A Boosey & Hawkes tuba being put through its paces before it is allowed to leave the instrument factory in Edgware, north London

and parts for performance. My scores are available, but you wouldn't buy one; it would cost

"I am writing a piece for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. [Daniel] Barenboim insists he has the printed parts as soon as they are written. This is a major undertaking which would be impossible for me - 1'd need another two years. If I hadn't had a publisher, I don't know what would have become of me. I'd be sitting in

some garret writing for small ensembles."

The concern is that a popdominated multinational would have no interest in maintaining this expensive service, as MacMillan explains: "I have been nurtured by Boosey's. I chose them, ironically, because the name is synonymous with security. They take personal care of their composers. They discuss my work and what I'd like to do, advise me on performances and commissions, produce marvellous scores, turn out orchestral parts with amazing speed - a pop publisher would have no idea what's involved. It would be a tragedy if a shark came in to milk the back catalogue and run down the contemporary music side. The

whole edifice could crumble." When he left Universal Edition in 1994, Birtwistle chose Boosey's "because they were a thoroughly professional organisation". He is sceptical that a company dominated by high-sales recordings would

have any commitment to the laborious art of publishing and promoting new music. They wouldn't be remotely interested. They may produce some contemporary discs, but I'd say that was pretty cosmetic, just window-dressing."

it is not only the living composers who fear the threat of a multinational takeover. The estates of deceased composers are just as anxious that their music be sensitively handled and protected, as Oleg Prokofiev and John Stravin-



MacMillan: a B&H composer



Birtwistle: published by B&H

sky registered in The Times letter. But even if a reputable firm were to take over the publishing side, the splitting of the company would have huge repercussions, not least by destroying a powerful brand. The two sides of the business reinforce each other and, bridged by the strong educational music division, provide a complete music service. One early casualty could be the instrument factory in Edgware, north London, if a foreign company, such as Yamaha or

Steinway/Selmer, took it over.
The board of Boosey & Hawkes has indicated that it is emploring ways to provide the shareholders of Carl Fischer with liquidity and those of B&H with a continuing interest in a listed company. This would be balin to the ears of the minority shareholders who, at the recent B&H AGM, made it clear they had no interest in selling their valuable shares and getting stung with capital gains tax. Technically, they could block any proposed deal.

In a classical music world ob-sessed with short-term profits, com-pilations and regurgitation of every sort, the integrity, long-term vision and business acumen of B&H make it a commodity beyond price.

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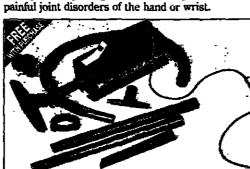
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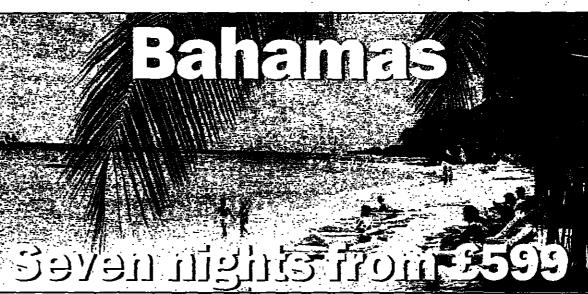
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Tropical retreat for wannabe Crusoes



fer a surprisingly green backdrop of rolling hills, but the Filipinos themselves do not regard this fine tropical landscape as their most important attraction

xcuse me, Mad-am", — and for a moment he looked embarrassed "but to reduce the swelling, we urinate on it." He could have saved his embarrassment This was practical knowledge I was happy to know a theoretical lesson by my Filipi-no guide, should I snorkel my way into the local enemy prickly sea urchins, found in their dozens in the shallow waters of the southern islands in the Davao Gulf.

We spoke solemnly about other aquatic unpleasantnesses and then, resuming his chatty, anecdotal style - the Filipinos are not a formal race - my guide turned to the subject of green turtles.

The southern islands in the Mindaneo area, forming the bottom tip of vast 7,000 island archipelago. have been marked for a kind of tourist debut. Long known in East Asia as a tropical retreat, the islands are now being promoted for the Western market,: backed by foreign investment and lots of local confidence.

For those used to the tropics, it is a reassuringly familiar scene: clear lagoons and curvy white beaches, an army or two of palm trees and the brightness of a blue sky. The surprising aspect of the Mindaneo area is its hills: a backdrop of rolling green (reminiscent of Derbyshire) climaxing in Mount Apo, the local Himalaya, rising 2,000 metres from the gulf and looking on a cloudy day rather like a Japanese watercolour.

The Filipinos do not list this fine tropical landscape as their first attraction. This is reserved for their native charm. We are "halo-halo". I was told, or "mix-mix" (also the name of a local ice cream); this is a reference to their long colonial history, the advantages of which they view with enterwomen are beautiful, powerful and this we get from the Spanish; we are relaxed, philosophical (the Spanish again -90 per cent of the poplation are Catholic and most important of all - here a broad smile, possibly at the contradiction -we know how to have a good

No, my hosts insisted, this was not a legacy from the Americans. Although here for 50 years during military occupation, what they have left behind stops at widespread colloquial English and a taste for Winston cigarettes and army Jeeps, now used as taxis for tourists and locals alike.

Dreams of an idyllic island hideaway can be realised in the southern Philippines

"Yes, we are the brown Americans in Asia, but..."

But their happy-go-lucky attitude is native in origin. Local fishermen, greeting you from their fragile houses on stilts, will be as welcoming as the hotel staff. Everyone has a smile — not least of all the dozens of children who swarm around you and your camera, bees around a honeypot, their innocent vanity begging to provide you with numerous unnecessary portraits. Strange to suggest travelling so far for the advantage of being smiled at so often, but it adds an enjoyable Diana. Princess of Wales aspect to your holiday.

The islands are being cautiously developed along ecological guidelines. The small luxury beach resort on Samal Island is called Pearl Farm (no pearls left, alas) and is pre-served as an intimate alternative to the hell of consumer tourism. Built in natural materials to merge with the island's contours and colours, its individual cottages (no ordinary hotel here) open out, back-garden-like, on to white sands and coral beach. Some imitate traditional tribal fishermen's houses — wooden huts on stilts - so that, waking blearyeyed for breakfast, you are

surrounded by shoals of silver fish swimming dizzily round and round in the clear waters. At night island paths are lit by paper lanterns. In the semi-

tax) from September i to December 9.

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■ The author travelled to Davao via Singapore on Singapore Airlines (0181-747 0007) and the subsidiary airline Silk Air (book through Singapore Airlines). Fares start from £600 (exclusive of

■ Brochures for the Pearl Farm Beach Resort, Malipano Island
—an extension of the resort, which offers private villas — can be
obtained through the Philippine Department of Tourism in

■ Prices per night for Pearl Farm Mandaya House beachfront

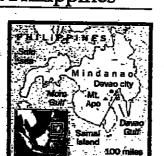
cottages begin at \$241 (£145). Buena Vista can be booked for day groups (up to 30 people) for

Both the Pearl Farm Beach Resort and Buena Vista can be

booked through the Insular Century Hotel (006 382 234 3050).

■ Diving equipment can be hired (beginner lessons available) throughout resorts in the Mindanao area.

■ Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: Ghosts of Manila, by James Hamilton-Patersua (Vintage, £6.99); Little Brown Brother, by Leon Wolff (OUP, £9,99); Lonely Planet Philippines (Travel Surviva) Kit, £12.99).



dark, private parties enjoy beach barbecues (local marlin fish and lobster), sitting crosslegged by the water and served on trestle tables by cautious waiters who dodge the nighttime hermit crabs making their way to bed, zig-zagging up the beach.

All this is the stuff of good romance where adults start to behave like children, burying themselves up to their thighs in white sand at midnight and subversively disregarding re-sort rules — feeding local mangosteen fruits to the resident sea-turtle. Sometimes such commun-

ing with unfamiliar tropical nature can be overwhelming. A Singaporean friend, sleepy with drink and warm tropical air, was persuaded by malevolent factions that the background birdsong accompanying our beach supper unnaturally throbbing through the dark — was really. truly, a Sony recording on auto-rewind, hidden in the

vegetation around us. It took three waiters to dissuade her from rummaging in dwarf palm trees and bushes of bougainvillea, trying to find the volume control and turn down the sound. No one ever said that being washed up on a tropical island is a culturally dynamic experience. It is not.

But it is — perhaps too — thoroughly relaxing. Of course, the south Philippines is a long way to go just for warm water and a clear view of the night sky. But the diving is excellent: wet-suited aquanauts return from the deep, cheerful as puppies, telling tales of bizarre-shaped corals in fantastic colours and surreal encounters with bene volent turtles.

The tourist board likes to boast that it possesses the only island for rent. Buena Vista eight hectares of palm trees and yours for \$400 (£270) a day (up to five people) — is fast becoming a designer island. The former resident fishing family have been relocated and, in their absence, Indian peacocks have been intro-duced. They mill around the sands, pecking nervously at the driftwood, suspicious of huge blue starfish washed up on the shoreline and hidden in the coral debris.

is the quietest place l have ever been - there is no traffic for miles and, provided with your own cook and staff of waiters, would be a fine retreat for wannabe Robinson Crusoes. I half-suspect though that

the Filipinos hope their guests, lulled by this paradise experience, might spontaneously develop, Jekyll and Hyde style, a rebellious desire for lewd entertainment. They have certainly provided for the event. A boat trip at night across the lagoons (Dante gliding through the Inferno has nothing on this) transports you to the bright lights of Davao city and an arena of promis cuous leisure. Baccarat, blackjack and craps are big in Davao - as are karaoke, uncompromising female striptease, sweaty discos and late-

night shopping. However, like Cinderella's godmother I must issue a warning: do not wait to see Davao at dawn. The real delights of the Philippines are the islands and reels, not the modern urban development. Frolic for the evening, but be sure to catch the boat back to

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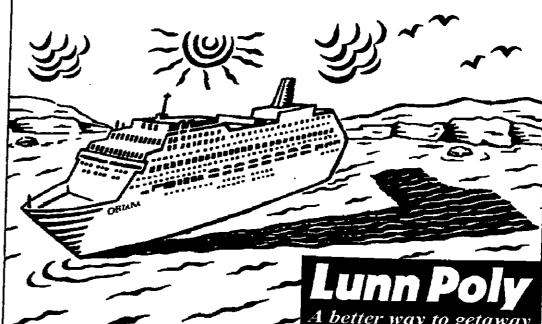
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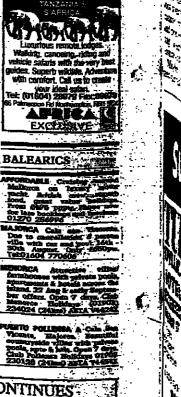
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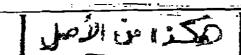
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Turkey: a cool reception for reader Barbara Bleiman; and an idyllic coastal odyssey for Jill Crawshaw

The haunting discordant wail of the call to prayer wafts from the minarets over the village. It is a quarter to five in the morning and it finds me already at prayer, begging with a passion that there should be a return flight to Gatwick that very morning.

We have spent our first night in Turkey, dressed in all our clothes and our pyjamas, shivering under a single blanket in sub-zero temperatures, in a bare room devoid of heat or comfort, with a curtain that does not quite cover the window and a balcony door through which the wintry winds of Asia have been howling all night.

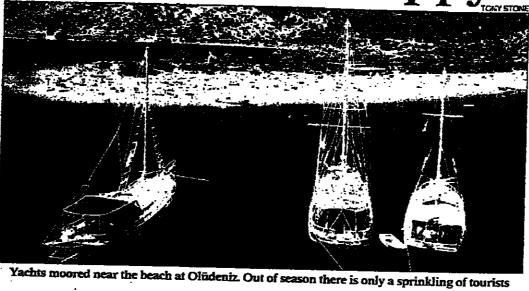
The lovely apartment we had been promised is not yet built and the guest house is empty, save for one other family from Kent who have been mad enough to be lured by the same offer of a week in Calis Beach in late March. "It's winter," the locals keep telling us. The season has not started Everything closed. Swimming pools empty. As if we hadn't noticed.

We had arrived at Dalaman airport at two in the morning, to be met by a bus from the guest-house. Hurtling through the mountains in an unheated bus, with two sleepy children slumped on top of us, we had been counting the minutes till our arrival in the lovely little guest-house that had been described to us. After a good night's sleep, we thought, we would rise late, take a dip in the pool and have a breakfast A nightmare with a happy ending

fruit juice, looking out towards the azure waters of the Mediterranean. It is morning. We force ourselves out of bed into the bare drabness of the room. A short time later, standing in the piles of rubble and scrubby bush that surround the guest-house, the other English family materialises, our horror mirrored in their faces. "Cold," they quiver. "So, so cold."

It is our first day in Turkey and we are sitting squashed into a dolmus bus, on our way into Ferhiye, the local fown, to try to salvage the wreck that is our holiday. We are feeling low, but as the bus pulls into the town, the sun begins to streak through the clouds begins to streak through the clouds and we are inescapably drawn by the scenes around us; white domed mosques jostling with fruit stalls and an eclectic jumble of ragged bouses; boys in spruce navy blazers and crisp white shirts on their way to school; women in white headscarfs and baggy eastern trousers going to the bazaar. sers going to the bazaar.

Fethiye is warm and inviting. There is a promenade that runs the length of the seafront, fringed by gardens and walkways, with children's playgrounds, paim trees and views out across the bay to snow-



are preparing for the season: at the harbour, fishing boars and yachts sway lazily. Our spirits rise. We find a botel right on the harbour with

harbour, with a rooftop restaurant with views out across the bay. All we want to know is whether there is heating. Are there plenty of blankets? The bemused hotel clerk gives us every assurance. We later distipped mountains. Shoreline bars cover that the family from Kent has

been there before us.

We book in, hire a car and drive off to collect our belongings and extricate ourself from the Guesthouse from Hell.

The hotel is incredibly cheap clean, with soft white towels, hot water, friendly staff and spectacular views - but costing less than £20 a night for all of us. We have

Food in restaurants looks fresh and appetising. It is also outrageously

cheap. We ear a huge meal of savoury pastries, filled with feta cheese and dill or spiced meat, followed by delicate sweet pastries made from pistachies, walnuts and ground almonds, soaked in honey, washed down with apple tea and colas. The bill comes to less than 55. beaches at Oludeniz, with its warm lagoon. In March there is just a sorinkling of other tourists, many of whom have come to paraglide from the 6,000ft mountain tops overlooking the resort.

Everyone we meet is friendly. In fact we begin to wonder if it is just to separate us from our money. But even in tourist areas there is a gentility and kindness that is deeper than our cynical thinking can fathom.

At a beach restaurant in Oludeniz, it turns out that the owner spends the winter in Manchester and the summer in Turkey. He is not yet geared up for tourist meals but offers us what he is having for his own lunch, a set meal for 52 each. He is delighted that we appre-ciate his "real" Turkish food yoghurt and mint soup, spicy beans and tomatoes, pasta served with butter and goat's-milk yoghurt. spinach stew with poached egg.

In a predominantly Muslim

country. I had expected trouble from men but I am treated with courtesy and directness. But it is our blond-haired, blue-eyed sevenyear-old son who elicits the warmest responses of all, not from the Turkish women but from the men. They make a bee-line for him, patting his head, lifting him high in the air, cuddling him and gesturing to us that we should depart at once and leave him there.

Our equally delightful ten-yearold daughter looks on with bewilderment as to what they could possibly see in her grony little brother and relief that she is exempt from this treatment. We explain that kissing and cuddling her is off their agenda as it might be misconstrued. We notice the warmth between males and wonder what has happened to public. innocently affectionate behaviour between men in our own society.

l aster in Turkey, after our nightmare beginning, has been just fine. The nights have been perishing — London has been far warmer — but we have had the benefits of no crowds, offseason prices and lots of friendly attention.

Waiting to catch our plane at Dalaman, we meet the package people who were on the flight out with us. Perhaps next time we will swap our rather risky go-it-alone approach for the safety of a bigname package in a large resort.

"Good holiday?" we ask. Their faces are glum. Freezing rooms!

No heating! Rain most days up that end of the coast! Nice reps but not much they could do." We can't help but feel a little smug, and immediately start planning our next do-it-yourself adventure.

Sunken cities and half-buried memories



. and please take off your shoes." For Sinan, Levanie. whose pristine wooden decks he was protecting, was the holy of holies. And indeed, at 88ft she was the queen of gulets, those wooden boats built like the traditional for-

mer sponge divers' fleets.
However, it is doubtful whether any of the sponge fishermen would recognise the eight air-conditioned cabins with flush loos and showers, cushioned sunbeds on deck and other creature comforts with which we were cosseted on our mini-odyssey along the Lycian coast.

Having stowed our baggage (in proper wardrobes, no less), we were off, manneuvring between the clutch of yachts. gulets and fishing boats cramming the harbour at Kalkan A picturesque jumble of local stone houses, restaurants, shops and a few smart hotels, Kalkan can no longer be called a fishing village, but mercifully has not yet acquired the status of a full-blown resort. probably because its beach is

Our itinerary, if we can so dignify our meandering wake, lay south-east, encompassing one of the most dramatically beautiful and unspoilt coasts in the Mediterranean. It has been protected for centuries by the brooding Taurus Mountains behind and only recently breached by a road linking it with Dalaman airport and the fleshpots further west.

Believed to originate in Crete, the Lycians proved as wild and daunting as their landscape. This was one of the last regions to submit to being incorporated into the Roman province of Asia Minor, and the inhabitants were feared as sea raiders until the British Navy dominated the coast in the 18th and 19th centuries. It was the remains of this proud race, who built fine cities and buried their dead in ornate rock tombs, that provided the culture stops on our voyage and prevented our minds getting soggy with too much leisure and pleasure.

Maybe if Levante had carried her full complement of 16

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Ideal destination: The tiny village of Kale, on Turkey's Lycian coast, can be reached only by boat. A jigsaw puzzle of houses and balconies, it is dominated by the crenellated ramparts of a Crusader castle

passengers, or maybe if you happened to join a party dominated by over-hearty Sloanes or beer-swilling boors, life affoat would be less than idvilic. But in our case, with the boat less than full, there was plenty of room to read or doze stretched out under a shady canopy, to sunbathe on the roof, to ponder the rhythm of the wine-dark seas and to watch the spectacular sunsets over glasses of chilled wine.

Breakfast was always on deck at 8am, with bread and cheese, salami, olives, tomatoes and local honey, and then it was up anchor and away. Atsome time in the morning we would steal into a deserted

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cove for swimming in the clearest water I have ever experienced, and sometimes we would venture ashore. Kas was the first port of call,

to plunder the carpet shops and explore its jasmin-scented alleys lined with old wooden Ottoman balconies. Like Kalkan, Kashas got just about the right balance between local life and tourism and I found it charming. Back on board, Sabri, the

ship's cook, would have made hunch - a feast of aubergine, courgette and tomato casserole, "boreks", the mouthwatering cheese pastries, heaped salads and yoghurt. In the afternoons we would

moor in the lee of uninhabited islands and over sunken cities such as Kekova, with its ruined arches and lintels shimmering enticingly in the translucent water. Half-submerged or scattered randomly on the shore were the squat stone sarcophagi in which Lycians buried their lesser ranks. Their nobles were entombed with all the appendages necessary for comfortable afterlife (in-

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cluding, some say, their wives) in decorated rock tombs carved out of the hillside at Myra, which we visited on an excursion from Demre.

There is little of interest in the market town of Demre itself, though it was once the home of a 4th-century bishop, St Nicolas — "Noel Baba" to the Turks, Santa Claus to us, who earned his reputation, it is said, by dropping purses of gold down the chimneys of poor village girls as downes to enable them to marry.

> he basilica in his honour now lies in ruins among the tranquil, shady rose gardens on the outskirts of Demre, between the St Nicolas bardisco - which has also seen better days - and a scruffy block of flats.

After dusty Demre, it was a relief to return to Levante; we had become just as possessive about her sleek patrician lines as our captain. Every so often

a lesser breed of gulet attempted to overtake us, but we steered clear to find our own bit of paradise.

By common consent, Kale

was the highlight, the tiny village that could be reached only by boat and which was crowned by the crenellated ramparts of a Crusader castle. Among a jigsaw puzzle of houses and pensions, balconies dripped bougainvillea and gardens brimmed with hollyhocks and figs; children played among the ruins of sarcophagi and the women displayed their embroidery on fallen columns. These were the same women who chased us energetically to sell their wares as we scrambled up to

We sailed homewards out of Kale into yet another glorious sunset, browsed over the captain's intriguing old Admiralty charts, lingered long into the night over supper and wine --and spun our web of dreams

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Cider and duck

onfleur, on the Seine estuary, was once a day-trip by steamer from Le Havre: now its an easy weekend break from London. The opening of the Pont de Normandie, the world's largest cable-supported bridge linking Honfleur to Le Havre, has brought the

resort even closer.

You can drive off an overnight ferry in Le Havre, as I did, and be eating your croissants by the harbour in Hon-fleur 20 minutes later.

The new bridge has become a tourist sight in its own right, with a visitor centre, but to me

it is Honfleur's older sights which appeal, such as the twin-naved church of St Cath-erine, built entirely of oak by

15th-century shipwrights to give thanks for the end of the

Hundred Years War. Intended as a temporary building, the church survives today, sepa-

rated from its belfry across the

square. With a little imagina-

tion, you could be standing in

The greatest pleasure is to

be had in simply strolling the

narrow streets, pausing for a coffee here, a crèpe there, and watching the boats bob up and

The very names of the

streets conjure up images from

the town's history: Rue Brûlé (presumably it once burned

down), Rue de la Prison, where the old 16th-century jail

As you wander along the Rue de la Petite Boucherie,

spare a thought for the changing nature of commerce; this

pretty lane of half-timbered

houses and galleries was once a bustling thoroughfare drip-ping with blood from butch-ers hooks.

Honfleur has long attracted

artists, but its heyday came in the mid-19th century when

Eugène Boudin and his friends formed the Honfleur school of painters, which later, as a result of a critic's barb,

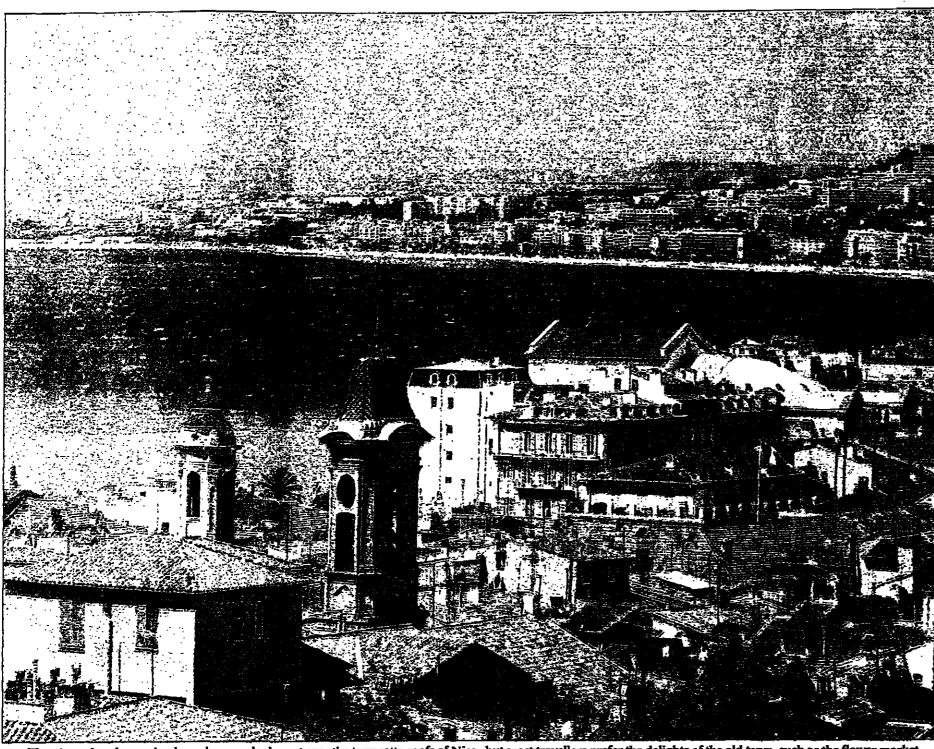
became known as the Impres-

forms part of a museum.

an upturned ship.

down in the harbour.

France: Exploring the old city and the hills of Nice; and popping over to Impressionist Honfleur...



There's modern luxury in view when you look west over the terracotta roofs of Nice, but most travellers prefer the delights of the old town, such as the flower market

Old gems beyond the glitz

is a city of olives. stony beaches and pizza got it Across terracotta rooftops and gleaming mosaic tiles is the bustle of Old Nice.
The daily Marche aux

Fleurs at Cours Saleya exudes Italian-style vivacity and heady spicy aromas. Old women in coloured aprons sell morning-picked vegetables and hot socca (egg-pancake); weather-beaten old men offer There's fish, too, And on Mondays, the market becomes the Marché Brocante, selling antiques and bric-a-brac at low prices.

Follow the aroma of fresh bread to Andre Exspuno's bakery in Rue Droite where. twice a day, in an old woodburning oven, he bakes at

bread, including stone ground shepherd's, wholewheat onion, garlic, nut, olive and thyme breads, and sweet squares of tourte blette, a sweet double-crusted tart of Swiss chard, pine nuts and raisins dusted with icing

Just off the market is La Meranda bistro; when there's a rickety old bicycle outside with an empty pannier, the locals know Jean Guisti is back from market and cooking at his stove. Guisti's dishes are the essence of Niçois cuisine. Stockfish, the pungent signature dish of Nice, was brought from Norway in the 18th century by trading vessels which fetched olive oil from Nice. At La Meranda it's made with dried cod soaked for four days in a barrel of running

of the 20-seater bistro. The fermented fish is then stewed for hours with onions, toma toes and white wine. It goes well with the house wine from the Var, as do the lightly fried courgette flowers and the fragrant strands of fresh spinach pasta topped with pesto.

water, which sits in the corner

Guisti does not accept credit cards, has no telephone and refuses to serve anyone he dislikes, but at lunch and dinner the place is packed. Only venture in if the "Complet" ("Full") notice is not posted on the door, or you'll hear Guisti complain from his small but spotless kitchen: "Can't you read?

We're complet." Skip dessert and head for Square Rossetti and, in the shade of the Baroque-style Cathedrale Saint-Reparate.

choose from 70 flavours of home-made Italian ice-creams (including lavender, violet, rhubarh, tomato-basil, thyme and maraschino) prepared by Maison Fenocchio.

t the foot of elegant, shady Cimiez hill forsake the baking sun for Marc Chagali's Musée Biblique. The low-slung modern building is decorated with stained-glass windows and mosaics donated the artist. The Zen-like museum is among olive trees and houses the famous "Biblical Message" and the 17 paintings that make up the series "Song of Songs". Based on the Old Testament, they incorporate Jewish folklore and Chamemories of his

childhood in Russia. On the brow of Cimiez hill

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stands the imposing Hotel Regina, where Queen Victoria sometimes took up residence to escape the harsh British winters. By-passing the flesh-pots of Nice, she cruised by hip along the coast to visit. Cap Ferrat and Cap d'Antibes. Her statue gazes down the hill with a puzzled expression, no doubt a little perturbed that Marks & Spencer has opened

Another famous Regina resident was Henri Matisse, who while decorating the died walls of his room with sensuous nudes. When staff found him, he still had a paintbrush in his hand, and a quizzical look on his face.

The entire span of Matisse's life is housed in his former studio, a handsome 17th-century villa opposite the Hotel Regina. The base of the

Cistercian monastery of Cimiez, which overlooks the city. His secluded grave is in an olive grove, once owned by the artist, and within ear's reach of the annual July jazz

High on the hillside above Nice the vineyards of Bellet have produced wine since the 15th century. As you approach the village of St Roman-de-Bellet, take a sharp left at the Auberge de Bellet. On a little side road you will find the vilage store run by Jacques and Edith Plumail.

The couple speak English and specialise in picnics. I bought steaming paella, a selection of delicate local goat's cheese, a cartwheel of tarte tropezienne and a bottle of Bellet white wine.

The best of the Bellet wines is produced at the 15th-century Chateau de Bellet, run by Ghislaine and Catherine de Charnacé, descendants of Baron and Baroness Bellet. Forty thousand bottles of red, white and rose are produced annually on just ten hectares of land, where alpine winds freshen

museum was a donation by Matisse and now contains a vast collection of sculptures and personal possessions. The old boy is buried in the nearby

sionists. A group of them (including Boudin's pupil Mo-net) would meet at St Simeon's Farm to drink cider, play dominoes and paint. Then, "la célèbre mère Toutain" would generously pour out cider under the apple trees. Now the farm is a Relais et Chateaux hotel, where a glass of cider costs a small fortune and, if you have £80 to spare, you can enjoy an eight-course banquet of langoustines, foie

> T stayed at the Haras de la Griserie, a stud farm close to the village of Genneville, four miles out of town. The owners, Nadiana and Jean Ouaknine, are from Gascony and continue the culinary traditions of their native region, keeping geese and ducks and cooking with goose fat

gras, lobster and pigeon.

rather than Normandy butter. The menu is best summed up as "100 things to do with a dead duck". But, after the fole gras and slices of grilled duck breast, with cheese and salad and apple tart and all for £20.

with Boudin

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Calvados Tourism and P&O European Ferries, P&O (0990 980980) has three sailings daily from Portsmouth to Le Havre. Prices start at £59 for a

■ The Pour de Norm king Le Havre to Honfleur has a toll of Fr32 (E3), which can be paid by credit card.

Fermé St Simeon, Rue Adolphe-Marais, has louble rooms from £75, bookable through Relais et Châteaux (0800 960239). Genneville, 14600 Honfl (00 332 3) 987 452) has double rooms for £19; breakfast £2.50, four-co dinner with aperatif and coffee, £15.

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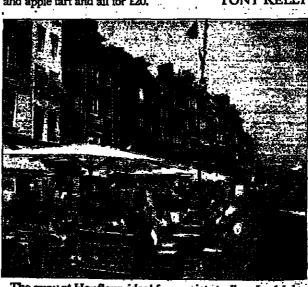
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who's complaining? But back to Boudin.

Much of the artist's work is on display in the the museum carrying his name, along with contemporary paintings of Honfleur which show how little it has changed in the past 200 years. As well as scenes of life at St Simeon's Farm — a woman breastfeeding, men drinking -- Boudin specialised in paintings of my little women"; society women on the beach at Trouville with their parasols and elegant frocks.

You can see their less modestly dressed successors on a drive along the coast to Trouville and swankier Deauville. where film stars gather each August to buy racehorses, walk les plances and wind down with a spot of thalassotherapy. But after a day among the jet-set, it is a relief to return to Honfleur, which may be pretty but is not pretentious. You don't have to do anything — just stroll along the quay, sit down, order a drink and become a part of the prettiest picture in France.

TONY KELLY



and a drink



three nights in the Relais & Chateaux Mas d'Artigny property with flights and car hire from £740. Several airlines fly direct to Nice, including British Midland (0345 554554), with flights from £149 return. Accommodation: Hotel les Orangers (00 334 9387 5141) offers B&B at £20 a night. On the plush side, the seafront Hotel Negresco (00 334 9316 6400) has a two-night deal for two people at £180 per person, including fruit, cocktails, breakfast in bed, newspapers and one dinner. The deal includes a pass to the 28 museums in 13 towns participating in this summer's major exhibition The Côte d'Azur and Modern Art 1918-1958.	the earth and sarry sea breezes temper the hot summer sun. M de Charnace may part with a few bottles, but most are spoken for well in advance. On returning to Nice, raise a glass of red in the bar of L'Univers, on Boulevard Jean Jaures, to Jacques Médecin, the discredited but muchloved former mayor of Nice, last heard of in Punte del Este in Uruguay, farming giant garlic to export to France. MARGARET KEMP	The quay at Honfleur, ideal for a quiet stroll
Outside Nice. and perched on a cliff top, the Hotel Chevre d'Or (0800 964470) has four-poster beds and a sumptuous breakfast from £200 a night.	•	
There is free access to all Nice galleries and museums on Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2 and 9 and Dec 7. The Visitez Sans Compter is a "passport" offering unlimited access and priority entrance to 58 museums and monuments on the Côte d'Azur. For details call 00 334 9352 3325.		
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A tale of treasure and treachery



The magnificent Fontainebleau

n August 17, 1661, Nicolas Foucuet gave a party. The evening, considered by most of the guests to be a host disgrace, imprisonment and a miserable death 18 years later Fouquet was Louis XIV's financial

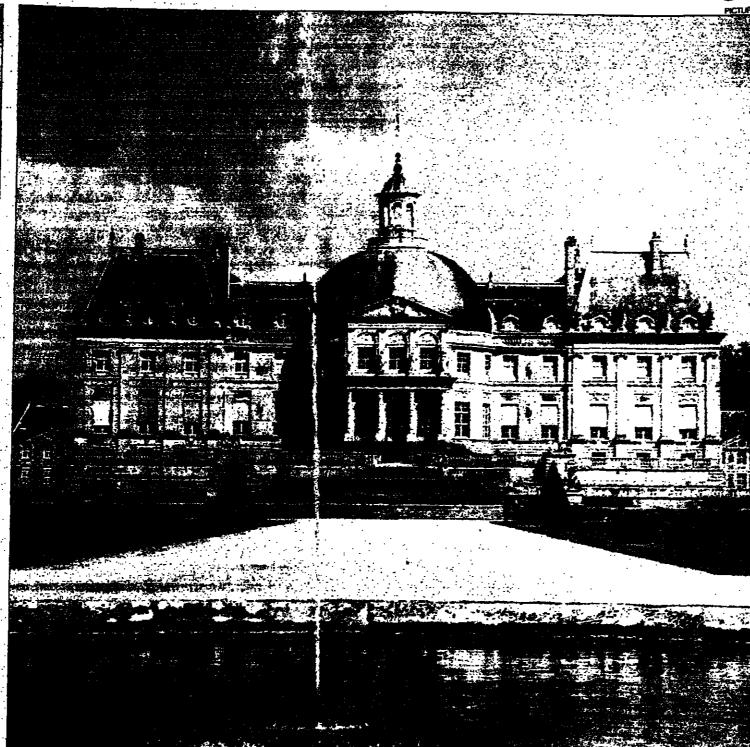
secretary. His father, François, had been one of Cardinal Richelieu's advisers on commercial and mari-time matters, and Nicolas himself was one of Cardinal Mazarin's appointments. He found the State Treasury empty after years of catastrophic mismanagement. His task was to refill it. Louis had expensive tastes, and expensive wars to wage. Fouquet, in building up his own fortune, by means which to modern eyes would seem grossly corrupt but which were considered quite normal in the 17th century, was able to guarantee the king's debts.

Fouquet had an implacable enemy, Colbert, Louis's chief minister, who lost no opportunity to blacken Fouquet's name. He convinced the king that all the country's financial ills could be laid at the financial secretary's door. If Fouquet were guilty, then the king's beloved Mazarin could be presumed innocent. Moreover, some normal repairs to Fouquet's property at Belle-Isle-en-Mer could be constructed as a preparation for a plot against the king. Perhaps most crucially. Fouquet's intentions towards Louis's mistress Louise de la Vallière were tantamount to treason.

Clearly, Fouquet must go. But he must suspect nothing. The king's wish to see the most recent improvements at Vaux-le-Vicomte, Fouquet's great house near Fontainebleau, was an easy ruse. The trap was set.

Vaux-le-Vicomte was the mos beautiful château in France. Designed by Le Vau, decorated by Le Brun, and with gardens laid out by Le Nôtre, it far exceeded in style and impact anything owned by Louis himself. Fouquet's patronage of the arts — his proteges included La Fontaine, Poussin and Molière could be tolerated. His extravagance and apparent wish to rival and even exceed Louis's grandeur could not. That evening, the king resolved to use the same three men who had been commissioned to create Vaux to help him create Marly and Versailles.

Three weeks later, Fouquet was arrested by an officer of the King's Musketeers by the name of d'Artagnan. A court was briskly convened, but in spite of Louis's known wish that the death penalty should be handed down, the judges recommended banishment only to be overruled by a royal decree that



Now restored to its glory days. Vaux-le-Vicomte is a gem of 17th-century architecture, the grandeur of which led to its first owner's downfall

Fouquet should be imprisoned for life vived the French Rev in the fortress of Pignerol in the Alps.
He died there in March 1680.
Alexandre Dumas, besides turning almost derelict after d'Artagnan into one of the great the fifth duke murstory about a man in an iron mask, then committed suibased loosely on Fouquer.

Louis appropriated the contents of Vaux-le-Vicomte, stripping it of paintings, tapestries and sculpture for the embellishment of the Louvre and Versailles. Fouquet's wife and sons were allowed to reclaim the chateau after an interval of 12 years, and it then passed into the hands of the Maréchal de Villars, and in 1764 was sold to the Duc de Choiseul-Praslin, Louis XV's foreign minister. It sur-

olution virtually unalmost derelict after cide. The family was cayed and the gardens became a

wilderness.

It was not until 1875 that the next crucial person in the history of Vaux-le-Vicomte appeared on the scene. Alfred Sommier owned one of the largest sugar refineries in France. He was also devoted to the

the period of the origi-Fontainebleau

nal building (the Praslins had left two tables, seven paintings, six statues and a bookcase). The gardens had to wait a further 50 years be-

fore they were fully restored. Go to Vaux-le-Vicomte in autumn, when the leaves on the chestnut trees have turned to brown and gold, and walk to the farthest end of the

gardens. There, by the statue of Hercules, a copy of the famous Farnese original, turn towards the house and you will see one of the most perfect vistas in the whole of France in the but decorative rather than exclusive, a setting for one of La Fontaine's fables or a comedy by Molière. It is the grand siècle in miniature.

> CHRISTOPER SINCLAIR STEVENSON

● Vaux-le-Vicomte is 6km from Melun in the lie de France, 16km from Fontainebleau (the two great houses can be visited in one day with time for a picnic in 49km from Paris.

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As for the food, every meal was a banquer, with dinners including special — but not obligatory — themed nights, featuring the cuisine of Mexico, Greece, America and other foreign lands.

However, despite the wealth of activities and good eating on site, we could not resist taking advantage of the gorgeous South of France locale and decided to divide our time between club activities and the world outside the gate. We were two months away from having our first child and did not know when we would next have the chance to meander through the French countryside without carting around half of Mothercare.

We decided to hire a car and were able to arrange it through Club Med, which has a Europear office. Unfortu-nately, our first rental Renault kept slipping out of gear, but there was no problem replac-

nce outside the gates, we got a taste of the true Provence. Narrow, winding roads took us through turreted, medieval hillside villages. The most spectacular, but also the most touristy, was Saint-Paul-de-Vence, a fortified village with 16th-century ramparts. Just as pretty, but less

crowded, was Tourrette-sur-

On another excursion, we





Loup, a village centered on a chateau built in 1437, which features more than two dozen artisans' workshops where nainters, sculptors, jewellers and potters sell their wares.

We had an excellent twocourse lunch for less than Fr200 (£20) at one of the local bistros, Le Vieux Cellier, where a friendly little black dog kept us entertained.

discovered a lake which had not been mentioned in any of the guidebooks in the Club Med shop. The Lac de Saint Cassien, which has hardly been commercialised, offers

sailing, sunning and swimming and not much else. After circling the lake and its wooded surroundings, we found our own private beach.

Back at Club Med, in the evenings we were encouraged to share a dining table with people we did not know and join the camaraderie that Club Med fosters among its guests. It is worth noting that during the low season the majority of Club Med Opio's guests are business people on

combination conference-holi-

day packages, working in the

mornings and enjoying the amenities the rest of the time. The rooms at Club Med Opio were not designed to be luxurious. But they are clean and comfortable, with a television and -- in our case -- a view of a wooded area.

The GOs are relentlessly cheerful and helpful. Many are working at Club Med in the hope of having their theatrical talent discovered by a holidaying showbiz mogul.

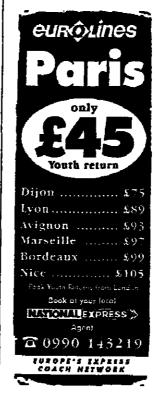
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British Airways (0345 222111) flies daily to Nice from Heathrow (flights from £16) excluding taxes).

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South East: Royal Tunbridge Wells turns into Brigadoon; Albury Park offers Four Weddings and a Funeral



Watched by bemused tourists, a party of fully-costumed players try their hand at a game of cards in the Pantiles at Tunbridge Wells as part of the Georgian festivities

A stroll back to Georgian times

Nash strolling the Pantiles at Royal Tunbridge Wells this weekend. He will be presiding as the town's Master of Ceremonies, as though it were 1747, in all his Georgian glory — curly powder-puff wig. sawbuckle shoes, breaches, silk embroidery and silver-tipped cane. Around him will be an A-Z of Georgian characters going about their daily life in this once fashionable health spa.

Just like Brigadoon, but hundred years. Tunbridge Wells comes alive as it was two-and-a-half centuries ago until Sunday evening.

The pale-skinned beauty the Countess of Norfolk (a retired mistress of George II) receives callers in her chamber during an open ladies levee - all

Beau Nash keeps the lower orders in check, including Black Moll, the lusty fortune-teller, and her fiddler companion Crook-finger'd Jack'

span dress hoops and lace petticoats. Meanwhile, the gentrified figure of Mrs Amelia Strode promenades and takes tea and cinnamon bis-

on the Upper Walks. Beau Nash also keeps the lower orders in check, including the drink-prone carriers of the sedan chair. Black Moll, the lusty fortune-teller, and her fiddler companion Crookfinger d Jack. Beau Nash can also be found instructing the

stand and exhorting the gentlemen and men of letters. such as the Earl of Chesterfield and Horace Walpole, to

indulge in port and pipes in

In the fishmarket, boisterous servants dance to fiddles while the "Quality" perform more civilised steps and dances on the Upper Walks.

The public is encouraged to join in and gossip with the players, but they will find the actors never speak out of

– no matter how provocative the banter.

The Georgian festivities, known as "Pleasures on the Pantiles" and which started last Wednesday, is all-day street theatre, drawing crowds from home and abroad. "About 5,000 tourists a day visited the town last year compared with fewer than 1,000 before the festival's advent in 1992," says Diane Talbot, of the council's tourism

Tunbridge Wells is not as grand as its rival Bath Spa. enham Spa. "We sell ourselves on the atmosphere of the old quarter and the history and etiquette that went with its heyday. Ms Talbot savs.

The town's charm quarter is the Pantiles. The colonnaded promenade was first laid in 1638 and runs at an angle to the Chalybeate Spring, discovered by Lord North in 1606. It is elegant in the extreme and named after its original square tile paving, later replaced with Purbeck flagstone.

The hypochondriac Lord North declared miracle properties for the other-tinged, ironclaimed that taking the waters could cure "damp hearts" and "lingering consumptive disor-ders". Others said it had gynaecological powers. The spa became a haven for eminent invalids after Queen Henrietta Maria convalesced there in 1630 following the birth of her baby (later Charles II).

Rest shelters were first built beside the bubbling spring enclosed by Lord Muskerry in 1664. Coffee houses, with writing materials and news sheets, soon followed. Gaming rooms and lodging houses added sheen to the high-class resort.

During its heyday, from 1735-1761, the Upper and Low-er Walks in the Pantiles bustled with dukes and duchesses, earls and barons, authors, statesmen and cads. The Wells was the watering place for the serious-minded but was also famous for its informality.

Besides the festivities, a walk-through exhibition — "A Day at the Wells" - ar the Corn Exchange on the Lower

One of the spa town's typical old frontages with balcony

TUNBRIDGE FESTIVITIES FACT FILE

■ Three hotels have special B&B rates during the festivities. The Jarvis mbury Hotel, 8 Tombridge Road, Pembury (01892 823567) is down from E99 to £49 per person a night. The Royal Wells Inn, Mount Ephraim, Royal Tunbridge Wells (01892 511188) costs £32.50 pp, or £45 with dinner. The Wellington Hotel, 84 Mount Ephraim (01892 542911), charge £50 for a double room,

"A Twilight Adventure Tour of Georgian Royal Tunbridge Wells" leaves the Pantiles at 7pm this evening. Tickets at £7.50 from the Tourist Information Centre (01892 515675).

■ Binns Corner House, 70/72 The Pantiles (01892 527690) has all-day Georgian fayre for £5.25.

■ "A Day at the Wells" costs £4.50, children £3.50, family tickets £12. Information on 01892 546545.

Fineheocks museum, Goudhurst, Kent (01580 211702), open Wed and Thurs throughout Aug, and Sun and Bank Hols until Sept 28. 2-6pm. E5.20. children E3.80. family tickets E12.50.

Walks (on which the plebs were allowed to promenade) is another way into Georgian Tunbridge Wells. Headphones issuing a guided commentary are worn throughout a tour of set-piece scenes with life-size models in Georgian garb (some characters based

on Hogarth engravings). In the Coffee House, the soundscape is of tavern talk, pots banging and fiery ranges. At the Spa Spring Well a local "dipper" dispenses water to aristocratic ladies. In the Assembly Rooms shysters linger by the spinning wheels playing E&O — a form of roulene

later outlawed. After a taste of bygone days you can return to the present with a variety short trips out of

town. The countryside north east towards Paddock Wood is Garden of England territory. Finchcocks museum is 20 minutes away, past dozens of oast

houses and hop gardens. The redbrick Georgian Baroque-style manor house and working museum has one of the country's largest collections of historic instruments, housing 80 early planes chamber organs, harpsichords, virginals, spinets and clavichords. Most are in working order and awed visitors may touch and tinkle.

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■ Georgian Festivities July 30-Aug 3 (01892 515675). A Day at the Wells (01892 546545). Finchcocks, Goudhurst (01580 211702).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 23 SOOJEE

(a) A flour obtained by grinding Indian wheat. Also a nutritious food prepared from this. From the Hindi. Ruth Prawer Jhahvala, To Whom She Will, 1955: "O she is such a clever girl; kheer she makes, and soojee-halwa."

(a) Having a changeable, undulating or floating lustre, like that of a cat's eye in the dark. A chatoyant stone, as the cat's eye, the surface and interior of which, when cut and polished, exhibits a floating lustre. Tennent. Ceylon, 1859: The moonstone, a variety of pearly adularia presenting chatoyant rays when simply

(b) The fine powder formed by the ripe spores of the species Lycopodium. Also known as vegetable brimstone from its flammability. It is used in surgery as an absorbent; also in theatreland for the production of stage lightning. It is also used in experimental physics as a tracer of the movement or vibrations of a gas produced by sound. The vibrations of the paper are easily demonstrated by movements of particles of fine sand or Lycopodium strewed

(c) To seal up. The Latin for a seal is sigilla. "To fasten and as it were to sigillate and affix to us the unmercifulness of men."

The house that set Hugh Grant on the road to film stardom

There was something fa-miliar about the place. It was as if I had been to Albury Park before, and yet I knew I had not. The sense of as I wandered around the grounds and came upon a oreny little Saxon church.

It was as if I was expecting to see some familiar face walking up the overgrown path and past the carved ombstones and stone crosses. lt was such a picturesque setting that it should have been in a movie. It would be just perfect for a country edding, or even a funeral.

That, of course, was why it appealed to the makers of our Weddings and a Funeral, starring Hugh Grant. It was the setting for the wedding of Carrie and Hamish, supposedly a baroni-al estate in Scotland but in fact a stately home in Surrey.

As well as the church, a wing of the house became the Scottish castle, backdrop of the torchlight procession.

Albury Park is a picturebook historic home which takes paying guests, and I was lucky enough to have a taste of gracious living in one of two apartments in the rambling

There are no red-velvet ropes separating guests from the old leather sofas, the curtain-length royal portraits, the silk-covered Regency chairs and the wooden sculpted overmantels, unlike many other stately mansions which you visit for a day.

It is not like the National Trust," says Lalage Glaister, who, with her husband Paul, are the live-in administrators of the Grade II listed manor house near Shere. "There is no roping off. You can touch things here. The place is lived in and loved. Guests have

complete run of the house." through the yellow Regency drawing room, shuffle down the stairway designed by Sir through old biographies in the 40ft-high library.

Living there is a privilege. the Glaisters say. "The financial side is subordinate. It's a great chance to experience life in one of these grand old

Grand it is. Parts of the house date back to 1042. Previous landlords included the 14th Earl of Arundel, the 1st Earl of Nottingham and the 6th Duke of Norfolk. Much of A.W.N. Pugin. He left it more Tudor than Gothic with gables and battlements, and put up 63 ornate chimneys.

The house was bought by a member of the Duke of Northumberland's family towards the end of the 19th century. In Country Houses Association, which converted it into 45 apartments, now the homes of retired generals, group-cap-tains, eminent physicians, a titled lady or two and other distinguished personages.

This is their house - they are regarded as Albury's coproprietors — and so it's more homely than a hotel," says Mrs Glaister "You can relax more and be completely private. It is ideal as a base and for bed and breakfast, but you don't feel obliged to leave the place during the day as one does in a hotel."

There is no room service or hotel bar and lounge, but there is, on arrival, a bottle of wine in the guest apartments, which are fresh, plush and clean.

t is the grounds that give Albury its truly lordly feel. In 1822 the politician and essayist William Cobbett described the gardens at Albury Park as being "without exception the prettiest in

The north-facing house stands on a terrace overlooking a shallow valley split by the slow-moving River Tillingbourne. On the far side, are a pair of parrallel lawned terraces - a quarter of a mile long - laid in the 1660s by John Evelyn, the diarist and horticulturalist.

House guests can roam the ancient lines of yews. The layout is considered an early masterpiece of English garden design: the upper terrace has an Italian-inspired semi-circuhouse to explore.

it's a lifestyle that is very easy to get used to.

PHILIP LERWILL Albury Park, Guildford, Surrey GU5 9BB (01483 202964); double room with breakfast ESS a night,

 Albury is owned by the Country Houses Association (01869) 812800), which offers short breaks at its nine historic homes in the at its nune nistoric nomes in the South East, from Aynhoe Park in Banbury, Oxfordshire, to Gosfield Hall at Halstead, Essex. Guests can stay from two to 14 nights but must be CHA members [£] to join plus £10 annual subscription].



Four Weddings and a Funeral was shot at Albury Park



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hich is the most pop-ular museum in Par-is after the Louvre?

You'll not be alone if La Cité des Sciences fails to spring to

mind. Although it attracts more than five million visitors

a year, and is one of the largest

science complexes in Europe,

it is still comparatively unknown.
The complex, a converted

abattoir at La Villette on the

northeastern outskirts of Par-

is, falls both mentally and

geographically outside the tra-ditional tourist circuit of the

Champs-Elysees and the Latin Quarier. In fact, La Cité is only

20 minutes from the centre of Paris by Metro. A prettier and more and leisurely route is by

In 136 acres of parkland, the

complex is vast and includes

permanent and temporary science exhibitions, a planetar-

ium, an aquarium, a 3-D

The permanent science exhi-

bitions in the Explora section

are organised around themes

such as energy, mathematics, human behaviour and the

environment. There are loss of

hands-on exhibits such as the

eye-follower, which reveals the

complexity of eye movements.

attractions, La Géode and La

La Géode, an Omninmax

cinema with a hemispherical 1.000sq metre screen, is to La Citè what the Mona Lisa is to

the Louvre and is extremely

popular. With your field of

vision completely filled by images, the effect of travelling

to the depths of the ocean or to

The other highlight of the

complex is the well organised

and brightly coloured Cité des

Enfants. About 4,000 children

visit it each day. Here, young-

sters who have been dragged

round the traditional sights of Paris are in charge. They can crawl under an anthill or

inside a kangeroo's pouch,

visit the butterfly farm or

The idea here, as elsewhere

in the complex, is "clever leisure". La Cité des Sciences

is keen to promote the idea

that science is both fun and

● The author was a guest of Paris Travel Service (01992 456000) and

La Cité des Sciences et de L'Industrie (00 33 1 40 05 12 12).

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FRANK MARKET

aircraft? A il the rational arguments, all the logic, all the statistics cannot convince a significant minority of aircraft passengers that flying is the safest form of travel. In fact, in the first six months of this year 1,614 people died on the roads of Great Britain. In the same

period 231 people died world-wide in air accidents.

Aviation is strictly regulat-ed, especially in Britain, and aeroplanes are brill to high strategies with these and standards with three and sometimes four back-ups for every piece of equipment.

Even so, flying could be made safer. Improvements have often been introduced in some countries but not in others. The Foreign Office still advises visitors to China to beware of some of its airlines.

Many of the potential safety improvements do, however, have ilaws. To fit smoke hoods, for example, could hold up an evacuation. And to have rear-facing seats would cause problems on take off. Modern jets climb so steeply that instead of being pressed back into a seat, passengers would be left dangling from seat belts.

And improvements costs money. Would we happily pay higher fares or are most of us concerned about getting the cheapest deal? It is possible to make flying

safer, as the graphic shows. The question is: when the risk is so small is it worth it?

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ROUND THE WORLD: A WEEKEND GUIDE

TWENTY THREE WAYS TO MAKE FLYING SAFER Politiciana. Creste a Joint Rader and air traffic control: Parts of Africa and even southern Europe Pliets: Around 70 per cent of all Check is: The US insists that all passengers are "profited" to week out terrorists. Turn round: Secause of the cush to free gates, ground accidents are Anthority to bring former Soviet bloc must be accidents are caused sucry country in Europe - and creatistify the world up to the same high level of safety. still do not have basic radars to guide aircraft should get befler mereasing Longer turn mund times would mid-air stu Valuing and se subjected to strict internetional deagree. But the latest control. But so for it is along the increasingly crowded on lanes. The englische solftens to Inspect all bags both m eliminate them. only available in parts of South East Asia. It working hours Cargo: Smoke spread throughout the world, detectors, video cameras, and the latest fire suppressors should be made mandatory. Service breads and sprinkform. Smoke hoods could, arguably, he carried in alreads seat pockets and staff trained to help people to use them. Sprinkform acuid be installed to put out on honored from 0 0 0 flight recorders are still allowed and often. prove useless in finding the cause of the cause of the cause of the cause of the use of interested to be sound from the ground from the ground from the microchips monitoring all the vital systems should be installed at once. GPWS (Ground Proximity Warning System): Better, more sophisticated ground translative arrangement in

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> Landing:
> Aircraft are being pushed closer together to pack more flights into resulting in growing wake turbulence. Keep aircraft further apart.

or the water-powered rocket which demonstrates the diffi-TCAS (Threat Alert and Collision Avoidance System): This culty of launching space craft. When I was there, however, vital aid designed to Explora was curiously empty. eliminate mid-air collisions will still not be Perhaps, like me, visitors were discouraged by the confusing layout of the exhibitions and mandatory throughout Europe until 2000, it gravitated towards the star

JILL CRAWSHAW'S TRAVEL TIPS

Venetian festival

THE historical regatta of Venice, one of the city's most picturesque and good-humoured testivals, takes place on September 7. Barges and gondolas with rowers in traditional costumes will sweep down the: Grand Canal recreating the Golden Age when La Serenissima and its doges ruled the waves. Hotly contested gondola races will follow:

Accommodation can be hard to find, but short-break specialist Kirker Holidays (0171-23i 3333) has three nights with B&B accommodation, flights and water taxi transfers for £385.

FROM August-16 to

November 9, more than a hundred works by James Whistler will be on show at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Two-night breaks with Amsterdam Travel Service (01992 456056) are based at the Hotel Fontana, a few minutes' walk from the museum. The cost is from £97, which includes B&B accommodation and ferry crossings. Entry to the museum costs £4 per person.

Ancient land

ARMENIA, the tiniest of the former Soviet republics slightly smaller than Belgium is opening its doors to tourism and using Sunvil Holidays (0181-568 4499) as its: Travel and Tourist Centre.

The mountainous country only 10 per cent of it lies below 1,000 metres - is one of the world's oldest nations. Mount Ararat, its most famous symbol where Noah's Ark was said to have settled after the flood, is now in Turkey but is clearly visible from Yere-

Warnings: Tired or distracted pilots could be warned by the disembodied voice of their wife or mother of potential

van, Armenia's capital

In AD 301 the country
officially adopted Christianity
as its religion. A ten day tour
organised by Sunvil for September includes Echimiadzin, Armenia's ancient capital and seat of the Supreme Patriarch, and a trip to the 4th to 13th century cave monasteries at Geghart. Also on the itinerary are Lake Sevan, one of the world's largest mountain lakes set 2,000 metres above sea level.

and a Roman temple at Garni. The tour costs £964 which includes flights via Amster-dam, ten rights B&B at the unromantically named Arme-nia 2 Hotel (three-star), and excursions. A visa costing £35 is also necessary.

Crossed lines



WOULD-BE rail travellers are complaining about the impossibility of telephoning Rail Europe, the spanking new version of

what was French Railways in Piccadilly, London. I tried the "Info Line" (0990-300 003) which is emblazoned all over the colourful brochure. But it merely thanked me for calling and told me all the operators were busy, asked me to call back and added that lines were open 8am-lopm Monday and Tuesday, 8am-8pm Wednesday to Friday and 9am 4pm on Sat-urday. The Motorail Line (017)-203 7000) merely gave the engaged signal. Total диmber of calls over two

Manuals: Must be written in the language of the airline, and not just in English,

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days: 19 on each line.
"We're victims of our own success," said a Rail Europe spokesman. "We've had 30 per cent more bookings than last year, double what we expected. We've put in a new system and doubled the staff to 35." His advice? Mondays and Tuesdays are saturated. tay ringing later in the week or early in the evening. "But you can always try the fax: 0171-I did and I finally got

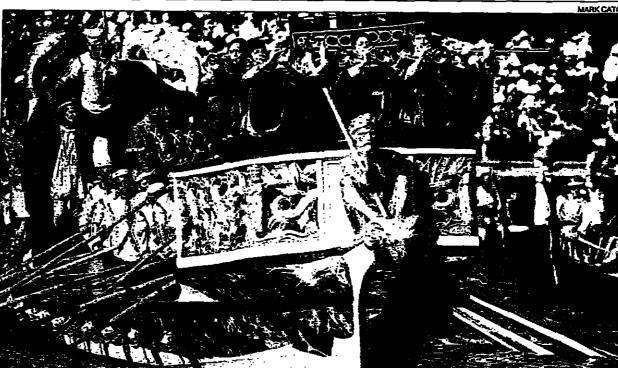
through - on the fifth call. KUONI (01306 740500)

is introducing charter flights to Agra from October for its winter holidays to northern India. The longhaul specialist firm says Agra is less of a culture shock than Delhi for firsttimers to India. An even bigger bonus, the company admits, could be in avoiding the hassles of Delhi airport. On my last visit it took more than 30 officials to process me through. A week's B&B at Agra costs £495-£599; a week at Jaipur £695-£751.

Single ideas

CLIMBING a mountain in Troodes, bouncing across iceland in a Jeep, trekking in Bolivia or golfing in Marra-kesh are far better ice-breakers than lying on a beach and trying to make conversation. says singles specialist Solo Holidays (0181-951 2800).

To cater for an increasing demand, Solo has packed its winter programme with action specials, ranging from a three-night cycling break in Rutland costing £265 B&B to a two-week. Nepalese trek for £1,675. Holidaymakers are distributed to the cost of the vided into the over-thirties and the over-fifties, and although the company at-tempts to balance the sexes, there are usually more women than men. On the vexed



Degrape: Nets over the uggage bins should be installed to prevent duty free and other terms from failing

Fuselage hardening it is now believed that the Lockerbie disaster cou

have been prevented if the 747 fuselage had

Seating: Install car-type seat belts,

cartype seat seats compulsory baby seats and stronger floor frungs. Only strong, abbe-bodied people should stinear over-wing exits and rearward facing seats like those in RAF transports.

Regatta in Venice, when barges and gondolas sweep down the Grand Canal with rowers in historical costumes

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question of single supple-ments, Solo admits to charge ing these on cruises and in the United States, but "not on most other holidays".

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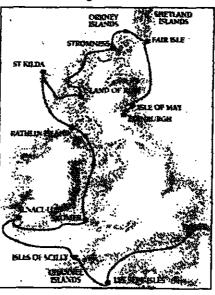
LAST year Thomson, Britain's biggest tour operator, decided to cut down the purple prose in its brochures and (within reason) tell it like it is, warts and all. It has now gone a considerable step further and promises an early flight home and a full refund to those clients who find their holiday does not live up to the

brochure description. They must report the problem to the Thomson represen-tative within one day of their arrival, giving the company 24 hours to find a solution. If the problem cannot be resolved and the clients are still dissatisfied, Thomson will offer to fly them home and reimburse the cost of the holiday.

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harbour Day 7 St Kilda Home of our greatest concentrations of gannets and fulmars. Weather permitting, we shall land on Hirta to see the abandoned village and climb to the seabird chills of Conachair Sail past the Stat-an-Armin and Stac Lee

Day 8 Isle of Rum. Anchoring in Loch Screson, we shall be surrounded by splendid mountain scenery. This has recently been the base for the introduction of the sea eagle. Visit Kinloch Castle. Day 9 Crosse the Minch, watching for delphins and minke whales. Land on the beaches of Handa with its fine bird cliffs Day 10 Cruise past the Old Man of Hoy and benth in the centre of Stromness Visit the bird-rich interior and see the Maes Howe archaeological site. Mainland is a birder's paradise with healthy populations of bonxies and loons. Sailing by way of Scapa Flow, pass close to the scabird cliffs

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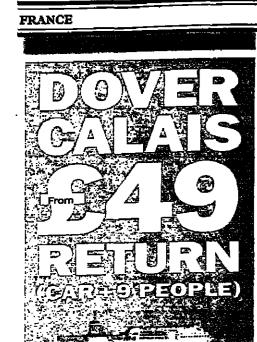
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ADDRESS



by Raymond Keene

IN 1947 the Argentine newspaper El Mundo Argentino published a series of articles with the title. "I am the future world champion". The author was the Polish grandmaster Miguel Najdorf, who had emigrated to Argentina just before the second world war. In his articles Najdorf explained his claims to the world thess throne recently vacased by the death of the champion. Alexander Alekhine. Najdorf, born in 1910, had just won against the leading Russian contender. Mikhail Botvinnik, at the 1946 Groningen tournament. However, this win, which I give this week with driber Najdort's ambitions. In

1948 FIDE, the World Chess Federation charged with organising the tournament to resolve the interregnum occasioned by Alekhine's death, was sympathetic to the USSR chess federation. A match tournament was set up involving six of the best grandmasters: Botvinnik, Smyslov, Reshevsky, Keres, Euwe and Fine. When Fine dropped out there was a strong case for Najdorf to take his place. That he was not invited to do so has been blamed on Botvinnik's intervention. I doubt this was the case but I do believe the Soviet Chess Federation would not have been enthusiastic about a man who had obliterated their foremost contender. Botvinnik won the world title in

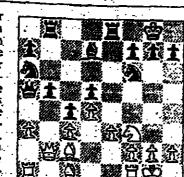
48 while Najdorf maintained a eading position through the 1950s. but never played a World Championship match. He died last month and this week's game completes. The Times's tribute to him. For the record, his obituary appeared in The Times on July 12.

White: Miguel Najdorf: Black: Mikhail Botvinnik Groningen 1946 Nimzo-Indian Defence

1 d4 e6 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Qc2 d5 cxd5 exd5 6 a3 bxc3 c5 8 Nf3 Nd2 Bd7 10 Nb3 11 Gb2 Na6 12 93

Black enjoys a grip on the queen's flank while White has long term prospects in the centre and with his bishop pair.

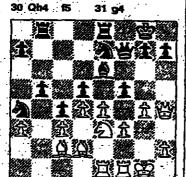
13 Nd2 0-0 14 Be2 b5 15 Bd1 Qa5 16 Bc2 Rie8 17 0-0 Reb8 18 Nt3



Botvinnik must have believed he was making all the running, but Najdorf counterattacks.

18 ... Qc7 19 Ne5 Be6 20 f3 Ne5 21 Bd2 Ne4 Sending his knight on a forlors mission. It was time to defend with 21 ... Ncd7 22 Nxd7 Bxd7 23 Rael Bc6 24 Qbl Qb7, with the intention of dominating the e4-square.

22 Qb1 Rb6 23 Qe1 Nd7 24 Qh4 Nf8 25 e4 In the higher strategic sense this advance ensures White's victory. 25 ... 16 26 Ng4 Ng6 27 Qh5 Qf7 28 Rae1 Rbb8 29 Ne3 Ne7 If instead 29 ... Nf4 30 Qxf7+ followed by 31 Nxc4.



The fastest way to destroy Black's stronghold. If now 31 ... g6 32 exf5 gxf5 33 gxf5 Nxf5 34 Bxf5 Bxf5 35 Qg5+ Bg6 36 Nxd5 and White wins. 31 ... 14 32 exd5

By opening up an attack against h7 32 ... Ng6 33 dxe6 Rxe6 34 Bxg6 hxg6 35 Ng2 Rbe8 36 Rxe6 37 Nxc3 39 Bxc3 Rx⁴⁴ 40 Kg2 Black res

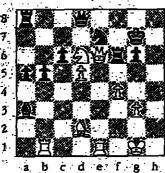
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Kavalek - Pietzsch, Sarajevo 1967. In this position, White could capture the knight on e7 with check. An adage in chess states that when you see a good move, you should look for a better one. This is what White did here. What did he find?

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"Nicole?" "Not 'ere mate. She shot off with a big docker in a Ford Anglia"

The winning caption for last week's carroon (above) was submitted by W.Normington of Leeds

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SOQUEE a. Wheat flour b. A rubber map

c. A loved one CHATOYANT

a. Like cats eves b. Clear thinking Conversational

LYCOPODIUM a. A debating platform b. Fine powder

c. A happy hunting ground

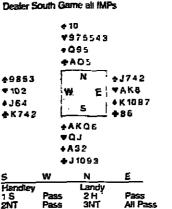
SIGILLATE a. To flog b. Overdue

c. To seal up

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

THE British team, winners of the the suit, she would have played the General European Women's team championship, held a narrow lead over France going into the last two rounds of the 12-day tournament. In the penultimate round Michele Handley made this tricky 3NT. Dealer South Game all IMPs



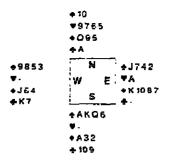
Contract: 3NT by South Lead: two of clubs

Four Hearts looks a better contract on the North-South cards, and as the cards lie makes easily. West led the two of clubs, which Handley ran round to her jack. She continued with the queen of hearts.

won by East who played a second club. Handley won in dummy with the queen of clubs and played a heart towards the jack. Clearly East had to duck, else the heart suit was set up. Incidentally, after the defence

allow the declarer to win the second round of hearts, which defender holds the ace? It has to be East - if West had the ace along with the ten Answers on page 20 | she played on the second round of

ace on declarer's jack. Handley now needed six more tricks in this position:



It is not clear what the best line is at this point. It is certainly reasonable to play towards the queen of diamonds. But when players are in form they seem to make all the right guesses, an important part of winning championships.

Handley unerringly cashed three rounds of spades (East following with small cards), and crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs (in case the clubs were 3-3). East discarded a diamond on the third club, and now Handley exited with a heart. East won, cashed the jack of spades and then had to lead away from the king of diamonds up to dummy's queen to give Handley

East could have defeated the contract by unblocking in spades. so that her partner could win the fourth round of the suit. But on the last day of the event, with her team (Hungary) languishing in the hottom half of the table. I dare say she wasn't giving it full day one concentration.

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

AS ALICE COOPER so crisply put it, school's out for summer. With the vacation season upon us, now is the time for all pale-skinned computer gamesters to emerge, blinking, into the sunshine for some fresh air. It is also the perfect time to dust down the Game Boy for those who still need their daily fix

away from home.

The Came Boy title likely to appeal to the widest audience has to be Nintendo's Tetris. The infectious classic boasts immense playability which is not at all diminished by being pared down for the handheld format, with 20 progressive skill levels.

This is the game in which you align shapes for a perfect fit. The game was devised by the Russian Alexey Pajitnov and gripped the world by the end of the Eighties, yet it did not make him a rich man. For ten years the Russian government swiped most of the game's earnings to spend on potatoes. Incidentally, Alexey is now working with Microsoft and has devised several new brainteasers for The Puzzle Collection, which will be released for PC in the autumn. Of the current new selection of Game Boy titles, two stand out in

particular. First there is Micro

Machines, released by Ocean. This is the original title, which first appeared for the Sega Mega Drive, and it holds up well in the translation. You get a choice of eight vehicles to race over 28 tracks. You can compete against II characters of the game, each with individual skill levels, or race a human opponent on one Game Boy.

Then there is Nintendo's Wave Race, a light version of its Nintendo 64 title, Wave Race 64. You can chose from three personal water craft the nimble 550cc, speedy 650cc and highly-powered 800cc National Class racer and follow the action overhead. There are eight racing circuits to complete as well as eight slalom courses. You can save the quickest lap and course times or, with a four-player adaptor and more Game Boys, chall-

Ocean also opts for an aqua theme with Waterworld, an enjoyable platform game based on the movie which just soaked up losses. Here you swim, avoiding sharks and creatures of the deep, or race on water craft to complete the levels

enge up to three friends.



Game Boy is a firm favourite for anyone away from home this summer

and "lead a people devoid of hope to the fabled Dryland".

Ocean also released the Game Boy title I've been looking forward to for months but I have to admit to being disappointed. That great PC title Worms has been given the Game Boy treatment but, alas, its best feature is missing. Worms was the magnificent two-player game where teams of heavily armed,

chirpy worms annihilate one another. The icing on the cake were the sound effects - carry helium-enhanced comments from the worms themselves. But in this version the worms never squirm as they are blown to pieces — all you hear are a few explosion effects. Team 17, which developed

the game, encountered problems with all the platform translations and since sound files can be bulky it was perhaps to be expected that the wry worm comments would be edited out. Still, the consolation is that by the end of the year we

should see a new original Worms title for the PC. Of the other Game Boy platformers warranting a look, there's Ocean's Super Hunchback, starring the bell-hugging Quasimodo but nothing to do with Disney, and Nintendo's Metroid II Return of Samus, a sequel to the

NES title Metroid. Here, as space hunter Samus Aran, you return to battle on a planet crawling with evil creatures lurking in cavernous corridors, ancient ruins and alien

For sports fans, Nintendo's King

of the Ring is a brutal elimination tournament. You can create your own wrestlers with customised strength and speed and you can play one on one or tag team bouts. Acclaim's NFL Quarierback Club % sees you fumbling and diving everywhere and, for aficionados, the game features the NFL's top quarterbacks, including Bledsoe. Elway, Favre, Hostetler, Marino and Cunningham.

We have three Game Boys to be won — the standard version and two runners-up Game Boy Pockets. The competition is open to readers up to the age of 16. To enter, list as many three or more letter words you can make using the letters in Game Boy. You should state at the top of the page how many words you have made and then list all of them clearly and nearly. Illegible entries will be disqualified.

Send your entry, with name, age, address and home telephone number, to: Cybersoace Thirty-Four. Computer Games & Pastimes, Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN. The competition closes on Wednesday August 6. Normal Times competition rules apply and the judges will not enter into additional correspondence.

THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

No 3421: Event by Anon

THE EVENT was not just a 31 of the previous DOWN year's, since it was held in 6. Although this was a little 32 for those of us from the 5 area, still a fair number 13, with virtually 10 inconvenience. Even

guest's) 22 missing from the gathering. The perimeter squares reading clockwise from top left contain a well-known quotation, somewhat modified here. Its unchecked letters provide MY LIGHTS, WE LEFT TT! (That's doubtful, since many an 27d concoction was 8 and consumed!)

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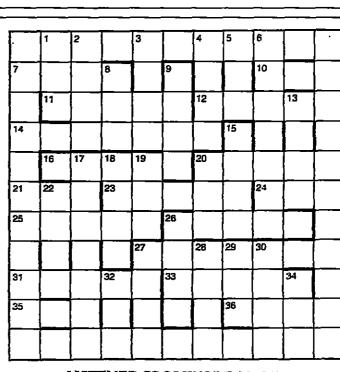
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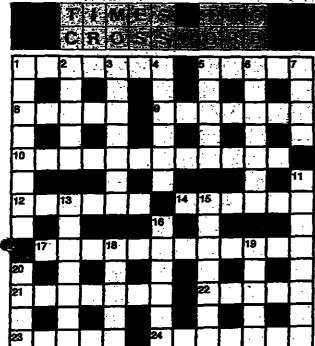
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15 One from Douglas (7)

16 Prop (under arm) (6)

3 Feudal tenant (7)

4 Have no food (6)

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l In relation to (3-1-3) 5 Energy: authority (5) 8 Interrogate, part of cooker

10 Inability to take wide view

9 Beau (7)

- 12 Crowd (6) 1) impresario: one queening 14 Weed addict (6) 17 Pole to heat down door (9.3)
- 21 Racing dog (7) 22 Fr. water-lily artist (5) 23 Tricky question (5)

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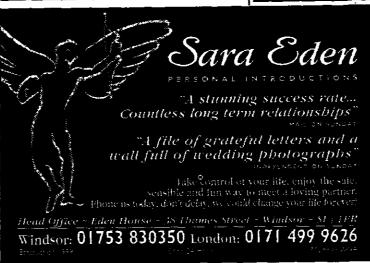
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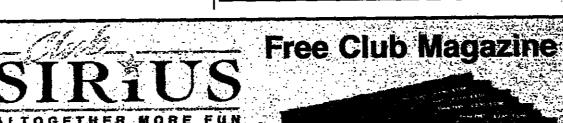
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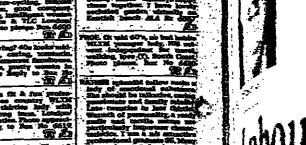
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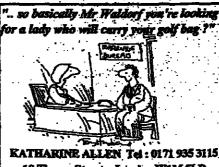


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